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## GREEK ARMY CONTINUING ADVANCE IN ALBANIA DESPITE EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER: ITALIANS LEAVE STRATEGIC HEIGHTS Given No Time To Reinforce Retreating Armies

THE GREEK ARMY IN ALBANIA IS CONTINUING ITS ADVANCE DESPITE EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE, AND IS GIVING THE ITALIANS NO TIME TO REINFORCE THEIR RETREATING ARMIES. THE GREEKS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN MORE PRISONERS AND TO HAVE CAPTURED LARGE QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIAL.

A Greek spokesman said that the Italians had been forced back to the north and north-west of Chimarra and added that the Italians had abandoned heights of the greatest strategic importance in that area. Further north, the Greeks are also reported to have occupied several villages.

A review of the fighting on the 60th day of the war reveals that the Greeks took four officers and 65 men as prisoners in the day's fighting.

## BARDIA SHELLLED WITH INCREASING INTENSITY

### Heavy Guns Concentrated For Final Assault

The shelling of Bardia continues with increasing intensity, states a London message. British troops have been reinforced and are now taking up their positions for attack.

The reasons for the delay in the attack on Bardia are explained by the Ankara Radio. Any attack now, it says, should take the form of a break through, as the Italian defences are backed by the sea.

## SUPPLIES FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—It is understood that a definite allotment available for supplies of defence equipment from overseas is now being made to India.

The essential part of the equipment programme of India is the turning out of a regular stream of artificers to keep machines in order. It is learned the training of this type of personnel is to keep pace with the expansion of defence forces and their equipment.

In India the number of artificers under training from January is 4,000.

## "INSPIRING FEAT OF ARMS"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The "inspiring feat of arms" achieved by Indian troops in the Western Desert is the subject of a special message received by General Sir Robert Cassels, Commander-in-Chief, from the Army Council.

The message says that the British soldier is proud to have again gained a victory side by side with his Indian brother in arms.

It is necessary that other kinds of arms and tanks should now be provided and it is also essential to be superior to the enemy in all departments. Heavy guns are now being concentrated round Bardia for the final assault.

The Ankara radio also answers the question as to why the British did not continue the offensive against Tobruk. An army, advancing against Tobruk, it says, should do so on the coast road, as the other road is not wide enough.

SUPERIOR NUMBERS  
There was also the fact that the superior numbers of the Italians here would have to be taken into consideration.

Reports reaching London continue to speak highly of the conduct of the Indian troops in the victory of the desert. One Indian division is said to have marched 30 miles in one day to attack a position close to an enemy camp and, with British armoured units, launched a joint attack, during which they took between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners, including Black-shirt units.

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The first batch of pilgrims for Mecca have already left Egypt. So far 1,500 Mussalmans have completed arrangements for the pilgrimage.

## ABYSSINIAN REVOLT GROWING

The revolt against the Italians is growing in Abyssinia, states a London message.

A correspondent in Nairobi reports that thousands of Abyssinians are attacking their oppressors with weapons supplied by Britain. Attacks have been made on Italian outposts and small parties of Italians have been driven off Abyssinian roads at their peril.

Some of the Abyssinian leaders have recently made contact with British officers and report many successful ambushes on Italian lines of communication.

One victim of a surprise attack by the Abyssinians was an Italian High Commissioner.

## Turkish Plea For Balkan Unity

A plea for Balkan unity is published in a Turkish paper, according to a message from London.

The paper writes that the Balkan States should be united in the common defence of freedom.

Turkey has no claims against her neighbours, the paper continues, and Bulgaria will not only have the right of access to the Aegean Sea but also to use Turkish ports.

After the war, says the paper, Greece and Turkey will reach full agreement and with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria will enter into a new arrangement.

## Colony Husbands Decide On Test Case On Legality Of Wife Returning: Petition Reply Examined

IT WAS DECIDED, after some discussion, at the public meeting of the Evacuation Representation Committee held at the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel yesterday afternoon, that A TEST CASE SHOULD BE MADE ON THE LEGALITY OF A WIFE RETURNING TO THE COLONY.

Mr. M. A. Cairns, who made the proposal, said he was prepared to offer his wife as a candidate as well as bearing the full cost of the case himself.

Another proposal that a further test case be made as to the legality of children returning was carried with one dissentient.

Mr. C. E. Terry also stated that the question of domicile should be settled and that a definite ruling should be obtained from the Chief Justice on this question.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson presided and the meeting had a full attendance.

The Chairman, referring to the reply to the petition that wives and children be allowed to return, received from Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that they had to take the noble lord's word that he had taken the petition into very careful consideration for granted as to indicate that he had done so (Applause and laughter).

### WHO TO BLAME

Lord Lloyd continued the speaker, had said that the execution of the order was in the hands of the local authorities. That, at least, enlightened them as to who to blame. (Applause).

As to the Home Government, the speaker said that if the evacuation was necessary for the defence of the Colony, then the expenses should be borne by all-including the dodgers—in equitable shares.

Lord Lloyd said Dean Wilson might know a lot of the Near

## "WE CAN FACE THE COMING YEAR WITH FAITH UNDIMMED": STEED REVIEWS THE EVENTS OF 1940

### Ability To Stand Before Fury Of Hitler's Mechanised Armada

"We can face the coming year with faith undimmed and confidence unshaken. The forces of evil are still unvanquished and they will probably be used against us with all the desperate brutality that evil can invent, but their defeat is certain and the sacrifices we will have to make will be sacrifices for a cause the very nobility of which now stands revealed," said MR. H. WICKHAM STEED the author-journalist when he reviewed the events of 1940 in a broadcast from London yesterday.

"What 1941 will bring none of us will know," he said, "but if we look back at 1940 we have every reason for confidence and hope."

Mr. Steed then referred briefly to the heroism at Dunkirk, the collapse of France and the latest successes in the Mediterranean.

"We have now had time to gird up our loins," he continued. "In the twinkling of an eye Great Britain has been transformed into a fortress. New armies have been trained and equipped and our air forces are growing in strength from day to day, but not in valour for in this we are already unconquerable."

"We may not yet have won the last round of the Battle of Britain, but we have shown our ability to stand before the fury of Hitler's mechanised armada."

"Despite the fact that some people here have tried to say that democracy is dead, we know that democracy has never been more vigorous under a chosen and a trusty leader."

AID FROM AMERICA  
Mr. Steed next referred to the assistance coming to Britain from America from the time of the battle of U. S. destroyers for British island bases which, he said, bore out the word of the Prime Minister.

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## HONGKONG'S POSITION IN DEFENCE SCHEME

### Sir Robert Brooke-Popham Interviewed

Speaking on Hongkong's position in Britain's Far Eastern defence scheme, HIS EXCELLENCY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., lately appointed Commander-in-Chief of the newly formed Far Eastern Command, told the local Press yesterday that the Colony's role, should the war extend to the Far East, would be an important one.

"Any idea that Hongkong will fall in a few days or a few weeks is an entirely wrong idea to entertain. Hongkong must be considered as of permanent value to the Empire and the garrison force here have a very definite job to do should operations extend to this part of the world," Sir Robert said.

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## Trade Union Officials To Be Appointed To Colonies

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, has made a number of suggestions for speeding up the work in arms factories and speeding up work generally, states a London message.

His memorandum on this subject is to be discussed by the executives of the Unions concerned.

British Trade Union officials are to be soon appointed as Government labour officers in the Colonies.

The Colonial Office has suggested that experienced Trade Unionists should take up positions in the Colonies to deal with labour questions and to advise labour unions.

GOODWILL GESTURE

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—As a gesture of goodwill to their British labour comrades, an appeal is being made to all trade unions throughout America for funds for clothing and medicine for British working men who are victims of indiscriminate bombing by Axis air raids.

BOMBAY, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Tai Chi-tao, leader of the Chinese delegation, has sent a message to the Mayor of Bombay expressing his heartfelt thanks for the hospitality of Bombay citizens.

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## Navy Proud Of Courage Of People At Home

ADMIRAL SIR JAMES SOMERVILLE, Commander-in-Chief of the Western Mediterranean Fleet, has sent the following message to the people of Britain:

"We in the Navy are proud of you at home—proud of your courage and proud of your determination, a determination which we share and a determination that we should achieve victory so that we, who have been a free people for hundreds of years, should remain a free people."

"Whenever we meet the enemy in the Mediterranean, they decline battle. Why is that? It is because they know in their hearts that the cause for which they are fighting is not a just cause. The facts are simple."

"We know what we are fighting for and the enemy does not. With that knowledge, coupled with our knowledge of what the people at home are doing, we are justified in believing that 1941 will be a red letter year in our history."

## Today's News Summary

IN SPITE OF EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER, the advance of the Greek Army in Albania continues. The Italians, who have been given no time to reinforce their retreating armies, have abandoned heights of the greatest strategic importance.

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS LULL DUE to unfavourable weather, the Royal Air Force resumed the air offensive on Thursday night and struck hard at Bordeaux, one of the German invasion ports. Enemy occupied territory was also attacked.

CONVICTION IS GROWING IN THE REPORT THAT the dismissal of M. Laval from the Vichy Government has ended the crisis in France. The island of Martinique now does not present a danger to the United States.

HEAVY GUNFIRE SHOOK THE CHANNEL COAST yesterday morning when German long-range guns, mounted on the French coast, fired for two-and-a-half hours across the fog-blanketed Straits of Dover.

AN ISLAND IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC WAS HEAVILY shelled by an enemy raider, which was reported to be sailing under a Japanese name and flying the Japanese flag.

## Netherlands Warships For Allied Fleet

British naval yards are now fitting out a number of Netherlands warships which were brought to Britain at the time of the invasion of the Low Countries, states a London message.

These warships will soon join the Allied fleets and apart from them, there are several minesweepers and mine-layers and a flotilla of Dutch submarines, which have already been taking part in the allied naval operations.

Officers and men of the Merchant Services will in future receive what is known as a Lloyd Medal for bravery.



# SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL: RECORD CROWD EXPECTED TO WATCH MOHAWKS-SAINTS CLASH

## Wahoos Tipped To Avenge First Round Defeat

BY R.O.Y.

A full programme of twelve matches in four leagues constitutes tomorrow's softball card, of which the main feature will be the meeting of the Hongkong Baseballers and St. Joseph's in the first of the Men's games at the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Starting off at 9 a.m., the opener will see the Baby Panthers in action against the Little Flower Club with Hal Wing Lee, Nick Beltrao and Dave Walker officiating. The Florinhas broke their duck at the expense of the Chung Hwa lassies in their previous appearance but cannot be expected to trouble the Panther Kittens who are one of the steadiest teams in the ladies' competition.

Best of the girls games will be the Cardinals-Wahoos clash at 10.30 a.m. Fans will remember that the Redbirds upset these same opponents in their first round fixture but the Wahoos look to be a different team since Theresa Noronha returned to take over the captaincy of the Green Owls who will make a bold bid to gain championship honours.

The Ramblerettes should register another win when they tangle with the Chung Hwa girls at noon. The latter showed great pluck in turning out to take beating after beating but that is the only way to gain the experience that will mean so much in future campaigns.

**MOHAWKS-SAINTS CLASH**  
Then comes the Mohawks-St. Joseph's clash that is expected to draw a record crowd of spectators. The Saints won convincingly against a make-shift club squad at the beginning of the season but will find the full Mohawk tribe an entirely different proposition.

The Waggonermen have been responsible for some of the most spectacular softball seen this season and are again expected to provide the fireworks in their clash with the present league leading Collegians.

**EASY POINTS**  
Next on the card comes the Cyclones-Canucks affair that should give the former two fairly easy points, although the Canadian Chinese, with Bill Woo back in the line-up, are expected to give an improved showing.

Closing the show at the K.F.C. will be the Philippines-Indians fracas which starts at 4 p.m. The Filipino boys have lately acquired the services of several of the better Hong players to bolster up their defence but cannot expect to down the Indians whose last showing against the Chinese Baseballers made them out to be one of the strongest teams in the senior league.

**SECOND DIVISION**  
In the Second Division, Chung Hwa and Liga Portuguesa start

things off at Chatham Road, at 9 a.m. The former appear to be headed for the championship of the junior circuit and should account for Daddy Souza's outfit without too much trouble.

Cosmopolitans should take the honours when they tangle with the Sappers at 10.15 a.m., after which the Royal Air Force take on the Royal Scots in an all-services match.

Last game in this section will see the Victoria Recreation Club and Central Britishers in opposition with the 'Rees' having the better chance of taking the points.

### HONG GAMES

The Inter-Hong league will stage a double-header on the Marina Ground, the Texas Oilers meeting Chartered Bank in the opener at 10 a.m., after which the Greenspots take on the Shell Oilers in the nightcap at 11.15 a.m.

**FULL PROGRAMME**  
The full programme and umpires are as follows:—

**KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB**  
9 a.m. Baby Panthers v. Florinhas (Wing Lee, N. Beltrao, D. Walker).

10.30 a.m. Cardinals v. Wahoos (N. Beltrao, J. Fonseca, Al Lau).

12 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Recrelo (Molthen, Nip Lum, D. Walker).

1.30 p.m. H.K.B.C. v. St. Joseph's (A. Liu, H. Quon, T. Chinn).

2.45 p.m. Canucks v. Cyclones (Molthen, Waggoner, A. Leonard).

4 p.m. Philippines v. Indians (Wing Lee, Hearther, G. G. Lee).

### CHATHAM ROAD GROUND

9 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Liga (Wellford, Osmund, Willie Woo).

10.15 a.m. Cosmopolitan v. Royal Engineers (P. K. Lau, P. F. Choy, C. S. Chung).

11.30 a.m. Royal Scots v. R.A.F. (Higgins, Olyer, Pittinghoff).

12.45 p.m. V.R.C. v. C.B.A. (Gillespie, Phillips, Moulten).

### MARINA GROUND

10 a.m. Chartered Bank v. Texaco (Wing Lee, Ablong, Hassan).

11.15 a.m. Greenspots v. Shell (Ng. Azedo, Tony Pereira).

## SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

**BOWLS**—Kowloon Bowling Green Club "At Home" (Austin Road) 2.30 p.m.

**CRICKET**—Senior friendlies, Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C.; Recrelo v. Civil Service; Hongkong C.C. v. Army; Craigen-gower v. University. Junior friendlies, Indian R. v. Kowloon C.C.; Civil Service v. Diocesan Boys' School; University v. Craigen-gower C.C.; Police v. Regrelo.

**FOOTBALL**—First Division, Kowloon v. South China (Kewloon); Club v. St. Joseph's (St. J. Happy Valley); Middlesex v. Navy (Canaway Bay); Royal Scots v. Eastern (Sookunpoo).

4 p.m. Second Division, 30th R.A. v. Service Corps (Stanley); 4 p.m., Kowloon v. South China (Kowloon); Club v. Royal Engineers (St. J. Happy Valley); Middlesex v. Royal Navy (Military, Happy Valley); Royal Scots v. Ordnance Corps (Sookunpoo) 2.30 p.m. Third Division, 36th R.A. v. Royal Engineers (Military, Happy Valley); 20th R.A. v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Road) 4 p.m.; Shell v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road) 2.30 p.m.

**RUGBY**—Quadrangular Tournament, Club v. Police (Club) 2.45 p.m.; Navy v. Army (Club) 4 p.m.

### TOMORROW

**FOOTBALL**—First Division, Sing Tao v. Kwong Wah (Club) 4 p.m. Second Division, Sing Tao v. Kwong Wah (Club) 2.30 p.m.; Police v. Kit Chee (Boundary Street) 4 p.m. Third Division, 12th R.A. v. Amateur Sporting Assn. (Sookunpoo); R.A.F. v. Service Corps (Boundary Street); International v. Royal Corps of Signals (Caroline Hill) 2.30 p.m. Medical Corps v. 7th A.A. R.A. (Sookunpoo) 4 p.m.

**FANLING GOLF**  
The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

### OLD COURSE

9.16 Final Club Championship.  
9.20 A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison.

9.24 A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young.  
9.28 A. Mack, D. I. Bosanquet.  
9.32 W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.

9.36 A. McKellar, W. W. C. Shewan.  
9.40 P. Low, H. N. Williamson.  
9.44 J. A. Parrish, A. W. Bourne.  
9.48 W. E. Hines, L. Jackson.  
9.52 D. H. Blake, F. A. Redmond.  
9.56 F. D. Hunter, G. C. Worrall.  
10.00 W. Stoker, J. R. Way.  
10.04 I. H. Geare, D. Humphreys.  
10.08 J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.  
10.12 M. G. Carruthers, J. S. Dunnett.

10.16 G. M. Park, S. I. Lloyd.  
10.40 Col. Shackleton, Capt. Barclay.  
10.44 Major Temple, Major Morrison.

### NEW COURSE

9.24 S. Tomlinson, A. V. Greaves.  
9.32 P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.  
9.40 Miss Outhbertson, M. A. Annett.

9.44 Miss Blackburn, J. G. Jensen.  
10.28 J. K. Bousfield, R. D. Gillespie.  
11.28 Col. Smith, Capt. Reidy.

## Home Football And Rugby Results

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Results of football matches played in Scotland last Saturday were:

Albion 2, Hibernian 3.  
Clyde 3, Third Lanark 2.  
Hearts 2, Partick 1.  
Morton 1, Motherwell 0.  
Queen's Park 1, Falkirk 3.  
Rangers 0, St. Mirren 2.

### XMAS DAY MATCHES

The following were further results of matches played on Christmas Day:—  
Burnley 2, Manchester C. 2.  
Stockport 1, Manchester U. 3.

### RUGBY RESULTS

The following are the results of Rugby matches played yesterday:—Cardiff 10, Welsh XV 0.  
Gloucester 28, Army XV 3; Home Counties Public Schools 14, Rest of England Public Schools 3.

## INTERESTING PROGRAMME OF SOCCER BY "PILAT"

An interesting programme of League matches is down for decision this week-end and some good football should be seen.

The best game this afternoon will be between MIDDLESEX and NAVY, at Sookunpoo, and it will be hard to predict the winner.

A good game is promised on the railway ground where KOWLOON are at home to SOUTH CHINA. The mainlanders, always a dangerous team on their own ground, have proved a "bogey" to the Chinese on many occasions.

In the other games, EASTERN should gather full points from ROYAL SCOTS while ST. JOSEPH'S will meet the Club in what should be a good tussle with the odds slightly in favour of the Saints.

On the Club ground tomorrow, SING TAO will find the improved KWONG WAH team a harder proposition than earlier in the season but in view of their superiority in defence should obtain full points.

## NAVY RUGBY XV

The following will represent the Royal Navy against the Army in the Quadrangular Tournament on the Club ground today, kick-off at 4 p.m.

Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan, Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Wat-

## Chinese Team For Charity Soccer On Jan. 1

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Chinese against the Rest of the Colony in a charity football match to be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1941, at 3.45 p.m. in aid of the B.W.O.F.

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China); Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Lee Kam-hang (South China); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); V. K. Hui (Eastern); Lee Wal-tong (South China) (Capt.) and Han Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Woo Chi-ling (Eastern); Kwok Ying-ki (Sing Tao); Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao); Chow Man-chi (South China); C. T. Tsao (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah); Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah) and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

Messrs. Aw Hoe and Victor Wong are team managers.

son (Capt.), Sergeant Manfield, C. P. O. Wm. King, F/Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie, S/Lt. Foote.

Reserves:—Lt. Carter, S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lamb's, L. S. A. Palmer, L. C. Stockham.

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## H.K. VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT,  
HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

### OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 4145 Gnr. Lee Yui Tong, 5th A.A. Battery, which occurred on 10/12/40.

### RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no medical examination on Friday, Jan. 3.

### PARADES

#### Corps Artillery

#### H.Q. Office

Will be open from 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Jan. 3.

#### 1st Battery

Jan. 7, H.Q., 8 a.m. for D'Aguiar.

#### 2nd Battery

Jan. 5, H.Q., Miniature Range, 9 a.m. Those detailed. Dress—Multi.

#### 3rd Battery

Dec. 30, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s. Dress—Overalls. S.D. cap, web belt and bayonet frog.

#### 4th Battery

Jan. 3, St. John's Place, 5.30 p.m. B.C.A.'s Class.

#### 5th A.A. Battery

Jan. 2, Queen's Pier, 2 p.m. Dress—Jacket, shorts, puttees, S.D. cap and web belt. Great coat, gun platform shoes and overalls to be carried.

#### 6th A.A. Battery

Jan. 5, H.Q., 8 a.m. for Pak Shu Wan.

#### 7th A.A. Battery

2/Lt. A. C. I. Bowker assumes command 5th A.A. Bty. w.e.f. 27.12.40.

#### Field Company Engineers

The next parade will be held at K.C.R. at 5.30 p.m. on Jan. 6.

#### Corps Signals

The next parade will be held on Jan. 8 with the exception of such fatigue parades as may be ordered by the CSM.

#### Mobile Column

Jan. 3, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. M.O. and L.G. Instructions.

### No. 1 Company

Jan. 6, H.Q., 8.30 a.m. Platoon will proceed to platoon areas.

### No. 3 Company

There will be no parade until Jan. 6 with exception of fatigue parades for those detailed.

### No. 4 Company

Jan. 3, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Completion of T.O.E.T. Classes 9 and 10. All recruits and men who have not yet completed the Tests as detailed will parade.

### No. 7 Company

The next parade will be on Jan. 6. Army Service Corps Company. The next parade will be held on Jan. 9.

### Field Ambulance

The next parade will be held on Jan. 8.

### E. N. THURSBY, Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps

### AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

### 1st Aid Lectures

Jan. 3, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Compulsory for all members of the Detachment who have not yet qualified in this subject. Optional for any other members who wish to attend Practical Class (1st Aid). H.Q., 4.30 p.m. for above members.

### Thanks.

The Commandant wishes to thank the members for their gifts of cakes, sweets, cigarettes, etc. for the Military Hospitals.

### Leaves

Miss V. M. Wittchell, 23.12.40-13.1.41 (Sgd.) I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant.

### Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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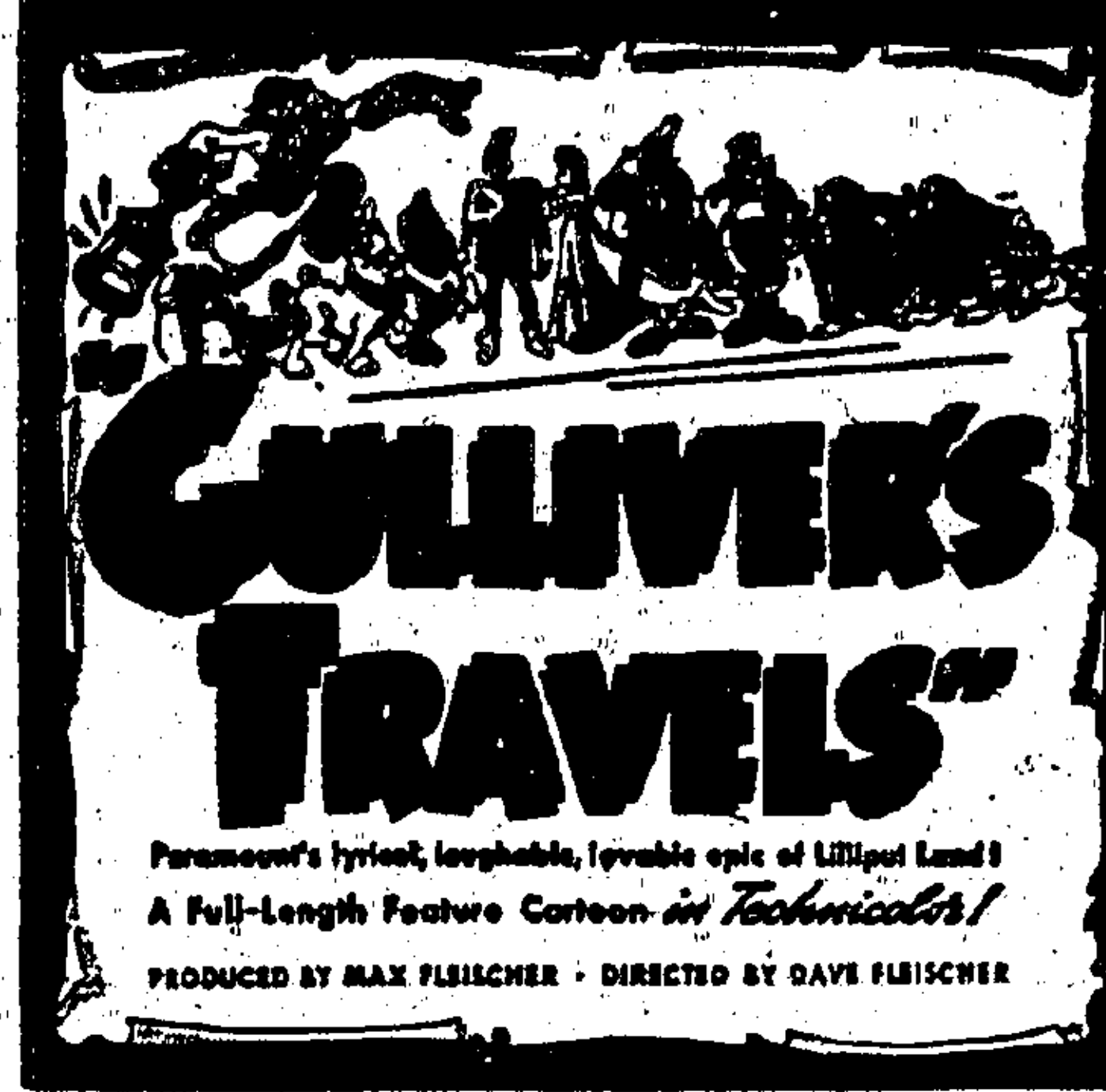
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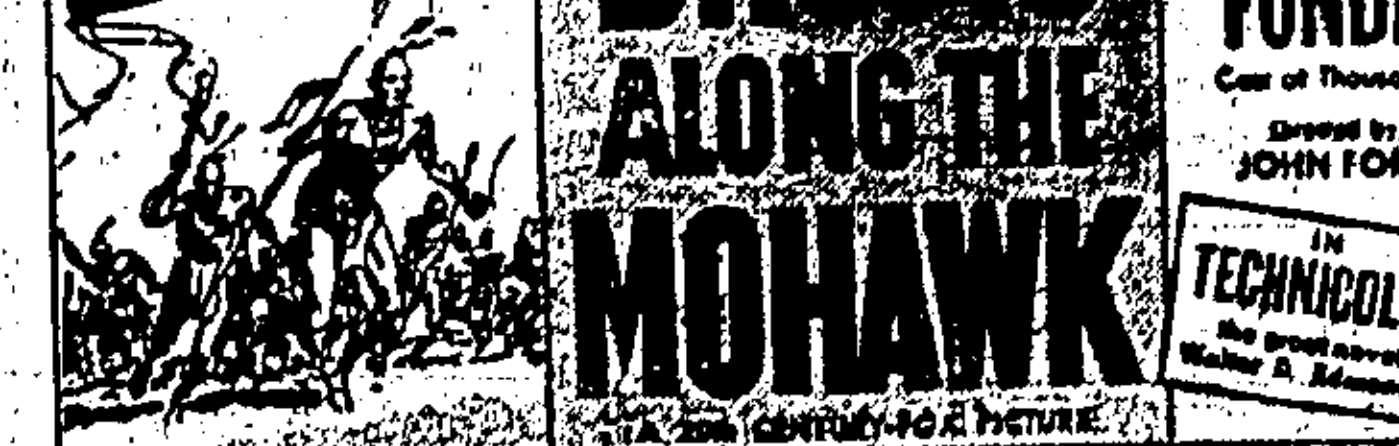
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## COMING EVENTS

DEC.  
28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 2.15 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.  
Little Flower Club Christmas Dinner.

St. Teresa's Christmas Party to Poor Children, 3 p.m.  
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.  
Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, 2.30 p.m.  
29—Tides: High 10.59 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
Chinese Recreation Club "At Home."

Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.  
Catholic Cathedral — Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the "Quarant Ore."

30—Tides: High 11.34 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.  
Ladies' Working Party (H.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
31—Tides: High 12.06 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.  
New Year's Eve.  
Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen (Agents Melchers and Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co. Ltd.), due.

Watchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.  
JAN.  
1—Tides: High 12.48 p.m. and 11.20 p.m. Low 5.47 a.m. and 4.44 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.50 p.m.  
New Year's Day.  
Fanning Hunt to meet at Fanning Lodge, 2.45 p.m.

2—Tides: High 1.33 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. Low 6.24 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m.  
H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House.  
3—Tides: High 2.18 p.m. Low 6.59 a.m. and 6.17 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.52 p.m.  
Claims against estate of Young Shing due.

China Fleet Club Theatre—Variety Entertainment in aid of S.P.C. (Sino-British Cultural Assn.) (H.K. Branch), Annual Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8.30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Entertainment in aid of H.K.S.P.C., 9.15 p.m.  
H.E. the Acting Governor to pay informal visit to H.K. and Whampoa Dock, 4 p.m.

4—Tides: High 12.16 a.m. and 1.35 p.m. Low 7.28 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.52 p.m.  
H.E. the Acting Governor leaves for Fanning Lodge.

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"SAPS AT SEA"

Upstairs fun and side-splitting laughter is provided in Hal Roach's new comedy, "Saps at Sea," starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, which is showing today at the King's Theatre.

In "Saps at Sea," sad-faced Stan and rotund Oliver are presented as a pair of born testers in a musical instrument factory. It is their job to test "D flat horns," but after a while the work gets on the nerves of Hardy. He proceeds to go berserk. Stan consults a medico and a sea voyage is prescribed plus a diet of goat's milk. The comics engage a boat that is destined to sink if it goes out to sea—so they decide to remain in port. Then the wild fun begins.

All the scenes in the film were cleverly contrived for side-splitting humor and the acting of the stars and the supporting cast is uniformly excellent.

"Saps at Sea" was designed for fun and laughter and fills the bill on every count.

If you want to be entertained by a story that moves with lightning speed and evokes mirth and gaiety, see "Saps at Sea." It's a laugh riot from beginning to end.

FOUR SONS AT  
MAJESTIC

Compelling in the power of its drama, "Four Sons" is showing at the Majestic Theatre. The impact of its emotional outcry and depth of feeling left audiences with an intense belief that they had seen one of the truly great pictures of the year.

Acclaimed as "an emotional masterpiece" by previewers throughout the country, "Four Sons" more than lives up to its promise.

In one of the most powerful roles he has ever had, Don Ameche gives his portrayal a vividness and startling clarity that demonstrates anew his dramatic versatility.

Eugene Leontovich, stage star of New York, London and Paris, gives an unparalleled portrayal of the mother.

Mary Beth Hughes takes a long stride forward with a beautiful impersonation.

Were All Together Now (film Gulliver's Travels). In The Quartermaster's Stores (Reed and Others)—Murgatroyd & Winterbottom with Orch. Ocarimba and Organ—Lady of Madrid (Damerell). Xylophone and Organ—Xylophone (Green)—Joe Green and Milt Herth. Vocal—Just Let Me Look At You (from Joy of Living). Sing A Song of Harvest (from Kentucky Moonshine)—Kenny Baker with Orchestra. Vocal—Hill Billy Songs—Medley—Carson Robison and His Pianists.

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## Radio Programmes

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### TODAY

12.30 Tchaikowsky THE SWAN LAKE BALLET MUSIC—Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.  
12.30 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

Three Great Melodies—Intro: Somewhere a voice is calling; Trees, Until Rodeo March (Ramsay); St. Louis Blues (Handy). Popular Melodies—Intro: Pennies from Heaven; In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Another perfect night is ending; I'll sing you a thousand love songs; There's a small hotel; Did your Mother come from Ireland.

12.45 The Kentucky Minstrels.  
Banjo Song Medley—Intro: Ring de Banjo; A Banjo Song; Mr. Punch; With a banjo on my knee—with Soloists: John Duncan and George James. Passing By (Purcell); Bless This House (Brahm)—with Organ acc. and Soloists: John Duncan.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.05 Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

Madrigal (Simonetti). Minuet (Bocherini, arr. Goehr)—New Mayfair String Orch. Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell)—Elsie Suddaby (Sop.) with Piano. Love Tales (Selection of Celebrated Love Songs)—New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists. The Mocking Fairy (Besly); The Almond Tree (Schumann)—Elsie Suddaby (Sop.) with Piano. Ballad Memories—Intro: The dear little shamrock; God send you back to me; Lazily, drowsily; The Bells of St. Mary's—New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocalists.

1.30 Easter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 Maxine Sullivan in a "Swing" Programme.

Fox-Trots—Goody-Goody: It's Been So Long—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—The Folks Who Live (On the Hill)—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal)—with Orch. Fox-Trots—Chloe; Jam Session—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Corn Pickin' (film Naughtly but Nice); I'm Happy About the Whole Thing (film Naughtly but Nice)—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch. Fox-Trots—Afraid to Dream (film You can't have everything); Roll 'Em—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.  
2.45 Indian Programme.  
3.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.35 A Back Programme.  
Prelude and Fugue No. 10 in E Minor; Prelude and Fugue No. 11 in C Major; Prelude No. 12 in F Minor call from "The Well-Tempered Clavier"—Book 1—Evelyn Howard-Jones (piano). Suite No. 2 in D Major: Part 1—Overture; Part 2—Air; Part 3—Gavotte; Part 4—Bourne—Gigue—The Acoll Bush Chamber Players.

7.00 London Relay—The News.  
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Compositions of Eric Coates and Coleridge-Taylor.  
Summer Days—Suite (Eric Coates)—Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer. Music of the Night (Eric Coates); A Song Remembered (Eric Coates)—John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accom. For Your Delight (Serenade) (Eric Coates)—Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer. Life and Death (Coleridge-Taylor)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Intermezzo (Coleridge-Taylor). Prelude (Haydn Wood)—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.05 London Relay—Music Hall. A Variety Programme.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.  
9.20 Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music.

Part 1—Introduction; Part 2—Dance of the Queen of the Swans; Part 3—Dance of the Prince; Dance of the Queen of the Swans; Part 4—Waltz; Part 5—Dance of the Swans—Spanish Dance; Part 6—Masurka; Part 7—Dance of the Cygnets; Part 8—Finale—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Antal Dorati.

10.02 Local Sport results.  
10.05 Songs by Elsie Ackland (Contralto).

Serenata (Bragu); O Peaceful England (Merrile England)—German). Danny Boy (London-Jerry Air—Wes-therley).

10.15 Variety.  
A Burlesque Fantomine—Onderdella—Evelyn Howard-Jones. Bertha Willoughby. Robert Cooper. Leonard Henry and Company. Vocal—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film Double or Nothing); The Moon Got In My Eyes (film Double or Nothing); Wiegards with Orchestra. Vocal—Were All Together Now (film Gulliver's Travels); In The Quartermas-

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NEWS IN ENGLISH  
Transmission (News Summary) ..... 4.00 p.m.  
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Full Bulletin ..... 7.30 p.m.  
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do. .... 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary ..... 7.30 a.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 8.30 a.m.

URGED NOT TO  
ACCEPT  
BOGUS NOTES

Mr. Tu Yuh-sen, formerly a prominent business leader in Shanghai and now a member of the Standing Committee of the National Relief Commission, made a radio-cast speech in Chungking to the people in Shanghai a few days ago, urging them not to accept and circulate the notes to be issued by the bogus Central Reserve Bank of the Wang Ching-wai regime.

Mr. Tu said that the Japanese and the Wang regime have issued in the "occupied" areas as many as \$2,000,000,000 notes without reserves. Now, the bogus regime is attempting to assign issue notes through the so-called Central Reserve Bank. The motive, he said, is to obtain foreign exchange and China's capital.

Warning that these notes will become worthless when the Japanese withdraw from China, Mr. Tu urged the people in the "occupied" districts not to accept them.

Continuing, he said that the total note issue of the National Government reaches only \$3,900,000,000, which is adequately backed and is further supported by the recent \$10,000,000 and U.S.\$100,000,000 credits from Britain and the United States respectively.

Concluding, Mr. Tu stressed that the bogus notes will never be recognised by the National Government.—(Central News).

### JAPANESE MANPOWER DRAINED

No major fighting has taken place in south Shansi since the coming of winter but an average of two or three skirmishes occurred daily, keeping a continuous drain upon Japanese manpower and resources, according to a Chinese staff officer.

The contending armies, the officer said, are pitted against each other along a zigzag front in the Chungtiao mountain range. The Chinese have gained the upper hand as they are in control of all strategic passes and all the important towns between Juicheng and Yungtai.

Having failed in repeated offensives, the Japanese are now on the defensive.—(Central News).

## KING'S

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## Perfect Invasion Weather Throughout Christmas Finds Britain Ready

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Perfect "invasion weather" occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and the heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm sea.

## SPAIN ECHOES APPEAL FOR PEACE

### Satisfaction Expressed At Xmas "Truce"

MADRID, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Pope's appeal for peace has found a ready echo in Spain. Formerly a rather fiery newspaper, the Arriba, official organ of the State Party, yesterday has a leader expressing great satisfaction at the virtual Christmas "truce," the fact that on Christmas Day there was no air activity over either Germany or England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers. The Arriba expresses the hope that this may be a symptom of the possibility of peace and says: "Spain today as when General Franco on the first day of a war, examined the conflict, continues unwaveringly in her position." As a matter of fact in the speech referred to by Arriba, General Franco ordered Spaniards to observe the strictest neutrality but, following Italy's entry into the war, Spain became non-belligerent.

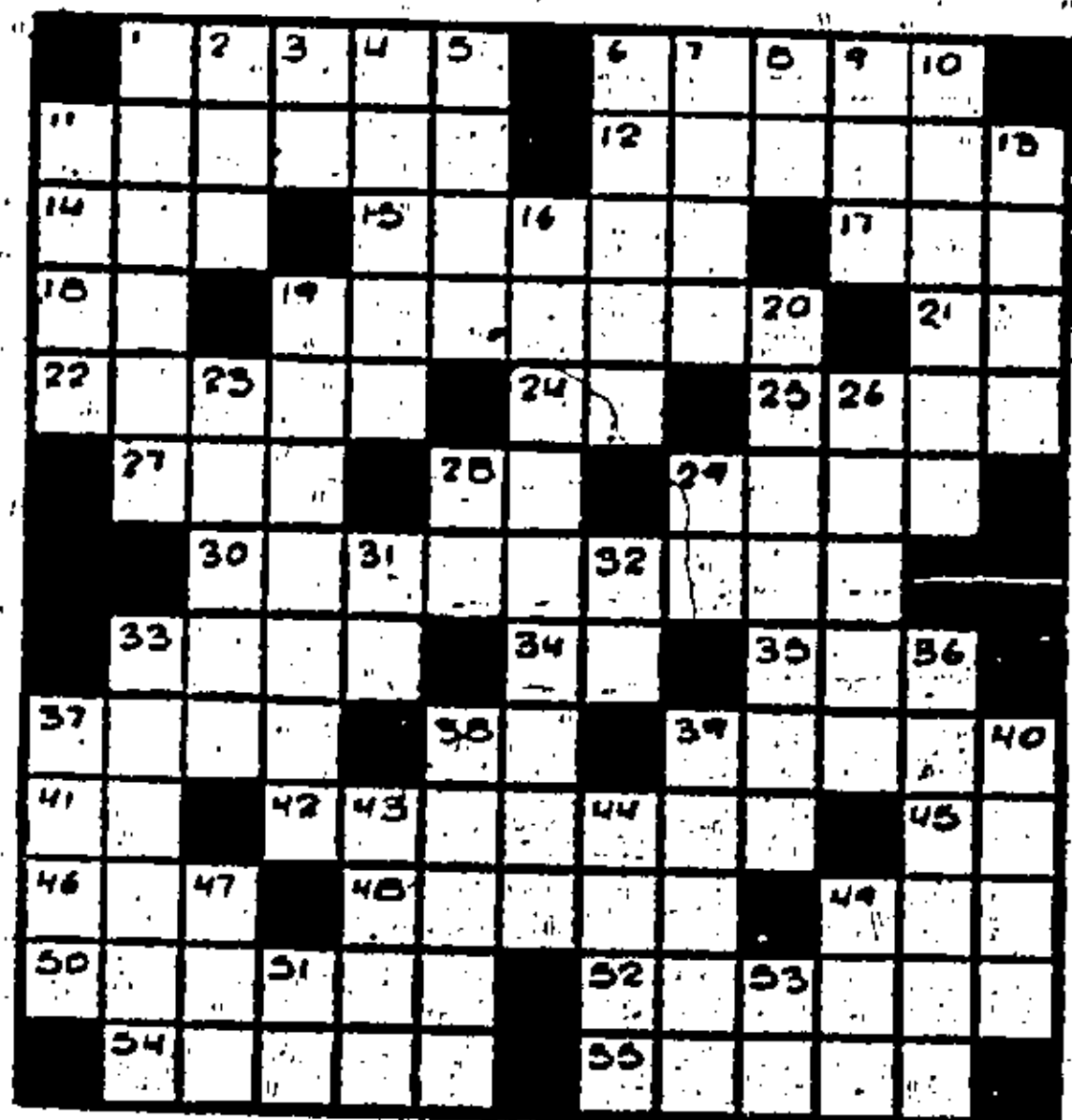
Present population of Sudbury is 32,731, or 3,545 more than last year, the city Assessment Commissioner reports.

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- Tree
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  - Literary collection
  - Malignant burning
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  - More verdant
  - Suffix: pertaining to
  - Robbed
  - Symbol for neon
  - Princely house of Italy
  - Anglo-Saxon coin
  - Exists
  - Title
  - Rule in squares
  - Downpour
  - Towards
  - Strike lightly
  - Contemporary German novelist
  - Chinese measure
  - Person of arrested mental development
  - Above
  - One who sets glass in window frames
  - Hebrew letter
  - Long narrow inlet



- DOWN
- Marine fish
  - Masculine name
  - Sun god
  - Feminine name
  - In this place
  - Small piece of rock
  - Sea eagle
  - Father
  - One spit
  - Ecclesiastical representative
  - Bulk
  - Sensitive to pain
  - Make susceptible to
  - Signs
  - Mimic
  - Cherubim
  - Faced doll
  - Made an edging
  - Restraints
  - Willow
  - Sensitivity
  - Staring
  - Real estate broker
  - Musical instrument
  - Dave
  - Pronoun
  - Greek letter
  - Indefinite article
  - Combining form: with
  - Sword
  - Implement for popping corn
  - Darkness
  - Cripples
  - Tablelands
  - Require
  - Cut of meat
  - Preposition
  - Inspire with fear
  - Consumed
  - Greek letter
  - Note of the scale

SOLUTION TOMORROW

## VICHY TO FREE PRISONERS

### De Gaulle Welcomes Announcement

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The announcement that the Vichy Government has decided to release French officers captured at Dakar has drawn from General de Gaulle a rejoinder. He welcomes the fact that French public opinion has compelled the release of these officers and non-commissioned officers whom, until recently, Vichy had intended to bring before a court martial. General de Gaulle adds that it is, however, clearly understood that the step taken by Vichy will in no way modify the safety measures taken regarding certain generals and senior officers arrested by the Free French forces in the course of recent Police operations in Gabon.

## Swiss Raids

### LONDON BELIEVES EVIDENCE FAKED

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Suspicion that the enemy may have manufactured "evidence" to suggest that R.A.F. planes bombed Swiss territory was voiced in authoritative quarters here yesterday. The Swiss General Staff communiqué stated that foreign planes flew over Swiss territory on Christmas Eve and authoritative quarters here now point out that it had been officially announced that no R.A.F. operations were carried out over Europe on the nights of Dec. 24 and 25. The same quarters observe that the Swiss Staff communiqué confirms the suspicions that the earlier reports of the bombing of Swiss territory by the R.A.F. may have been based on evidence manufactured by the enemy.

## U.S. Revolutionising Its Infantry Tactics On The Basis Of Nazi Successes

Washington, Dec. 14.—The army is abandoning the world war theory of mass infantry attack and revolutionizing its infantry tactics on the basis of confidential reports of the performance of the German army, it was revealed today.

Emphasis will be placed on small attack groups, co-ordinated with aircraft, tanks and heavy weapons. The theory that a rifleman can advance if developed, he conserves "shoot his way forward" has been discarded. Infantry squad leaders' positions will be ahead of their squads rather than in the rear, even while troops are under cover. REVOLUTION IN TACTICS The revolution in tactics "such as has never occurred before in the American army in time of peace"—was disclosed in the new 320-page infantry manual written by Major Gen. George A. Lynch, chief of the infantry. The manual has been issued to officers in all branches and will be the basis for training the record peacetime army. Based on reports of German military tactics (tactics being the art of using a fighting force when, through strategy, it has been concentrated at a given place at a given time) in Poland, Norway, the lowlands and France, the manual stresses:

**NEED FOR CO-OPERATION**  
1. The need of co-operation and co-ordination of artillery, aviation, tank and heavy weapon units with the infantry.  
2. Abandonment of the old world war theory of a mass infantry attack along the entire line of an enemy in favour of smaller groups of troops which single out "soft spots" to smash. This, Lynch said, means that greater leadership must be exercised with smaller units who now have greater freedom of action.  
3. Effective utilization of "new fast-firing antitank guns, semi-automatic rifles and other weapons against tank, drive and machine gunning plane attacks."

**PREVIOUS TACTICS**  
Previous tactics called for only two forms of battle for an infantryman—he was either in movement or he was firing. He fired to prepare for his advance. That was called "shooting his way forward." "Infantry activity no longer is limited to firing and moving," Lynch said. "During much of his time in battle he will be in a cover position in readiness either to move or to fire. Unless sufficient supporting fire to permit his attack."

**NEW TACTICS**  
Regarding new tactics for squad leaders, he said: "In accordance with old conception... the squad leader maintained a position well in the rear of his squad. He moved to the front only when the squad was to advance... (under the new tactics) the position of the squad leader is to the front of the squad where he can observe the foreground and enemy activity and be in readiness to take such action, either fire or movement, as the situation may call for."

**SWIFT TANKS**  
"The advent of swift tanks in Europe has created the impression that the mechanized monsters can sweep the infantry from the battlefield," Lynch wrote. "However, with the introduction of light man-handled tank weapons in the forward infantry zone, backed by antitank guns in the regimental zone, and the training of infantry soldiers to take cover in 'fox-holes' or other places unfavourable to tank attack while the tanks pass over, the danger of tank attack crushing the infantry has been reduced."

Turning to anti-aircraft tactics, Lynch said foreign reports indicate that scattered infantry groups, utilizing riflemen and automatic rifle squads, can concentrate a more deadly rain of fire on low-flying planes than anti-aircraft cannons which can be spotted by the enemy before an attack.

## CAT AND MOUSE GAME IN SUDAN-ABYSSINIAN FRONT

KHARTOUM, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—British patrols in the Kassala sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinian front are becoming more active and aggressive and although this railway town, which is situated inside the Sudan, 20 miles from the frontier, is held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for unwary Italian troops, writes Reuter's correspondent in Sudan.

Men are found dead in lonely alleyways and at street corners in this once peaceful trading centre and men lock their doors fearful of soft-footed Sudanese troops who are reportedly stealing into the town under cover of darkness, seizing an occasional prisoner, killing a dozing sentry or merely "borrowing" some cases of beer or chianti.

On one occasion Sudanese entered the town and arrested a notorious enemy native agent as he was lying asleep by his house and carried him back to the British lines.

### AMBUSHES

All along the border British patrols and small parties of the Sudan Defence Force are busting the enemy back towards the frontier. There has been a series of hide and seek ambushes among the thorn bushes and tall grass of the bush country.

Occasionally there is a larger operation when a mechanised patrol of the Sudan Defence Force waylays some Italian column which becomes too venturesome, but British harassing tactics originally designed to contain the enemy forces, are now having the effect of slowly pushing the Italians back.

The main body of the Italian Army is concentrated at Ahmara and Agordat in Eritrea, supporting Gallabat.

There are also large concentrations in the neighbourhood of Addis Ababa.

### CAT AND MOUSE GAME

British and Imperial troops, now reinforced and fully equipped, are lying in wait like a cat watching a mouse along the whole front, while the Italian hold on Abyssinia is also threatened by

General Cunningham's forces on the Kenya border.

Inside Abyssinia itself tribes are growing more restless. The flame of revolt is being further fanned by the R.A.F. who are incessantly bombing Italian strongholds within sight of the discontented tribesmen.

### AXIS PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Rome Radio and the Italian press have been trying to paint a picture of the holding out of the Bardia garrison as a heroic achievement and the Italian people are being told again and again of the good morale and fighting qualities of the soldiers overseas.

Commentators outside Italy mark on the ineptitude of this propaganda because it is known both inside and outside the country that the Italian series of defeats in Albania and the Western Desert is not the fault of the Italian soldiers but of the general direction of Italy's war policy.

### ILL-TIMED CAMPAIGN

Mussolini attacked Greece without taking the proper military measures to carry out the campaign. Marshal Graziani, like the other officers under Mussolini, spent three months preparing fortifications in the Western Desert that were so badly conceived that they fell like ninepins when the British attacked.

## NEW POST FOR ADM. CUNNINGHAM

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The appointment of Vice-Admiral John Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport was announced last night.

During the last war Vice-Admiral Cunningham was at sea practically the whole time, taking part in, among other actions, the Dardanelles campaign.

## ISLE OF SHEPPEY BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security state that a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the Isle of Sheppey early yesterday afternoon.

Little damage was done and there were no casualties. There is nothing further to report.

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## INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF WARDENS' UNION

"THE FACT THAT WE HAVE IN THESE ENLIGHTENED DAYS, TO STUDY A.R.P., IS A MOST REVOLTING AND ABHORRENT THOUGHT YET THERE IS THAT OLD SAYING—'OUT OF EVIL COMETH GOOD'—and I am convinced, we as true wardens, can and will prove the truth of this statement," said Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, at the inaugural ceremony of the Wardens' Union, District "A," Upper Levels Division held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night.

A large and representative attendance was present and a very entertaining programme of songs, including some by the Shamsul-poo Division, and English and Chinese plays were given by the Wardens of District "A."

Before the commencement of the evening's programme a short, but witty, speech was made by Mr. Tse Ka-po.

**CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH**  
Addressing the gathering the Chairman, District Warden A. E. M. Rafeek, said:—

In these difficult times we are privileged to work, in a very special way, for the benefit of the community. Our aim is to protect the people, their lives and property, in the event of an air raid. With this object in view, we all have undergone serious training so that, if ever called upon, we might be able to carry out our duties smoothly and successfully.

Since we have this common object, and since we have gone through our training together, we are bound to one another by our membership in our Society, that of the Upper Levels Division, District "A." It is our desire that our common membership and organization will increase our friendly relations with one another and bring about all the good results for which we are working.

**IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE**

A duty which we should not neglect is that of imparting our knowledge as regards air raid precautions to the people. If at any time it should happen that we should be called upon to serve, the fact that the people themselves have been prepared by us, will go far to ensure the success of our efforts.

If we have the co-operation of the people we shall not fail. It is therefore our duty to further the study of our work, in order that we may be in a position to instruct others and gain their assistance.

May I end by expressing the sincere hope that this Society may be successful in all its undertakings.

**GOOD FELLOWSHIP**

Wing-Comdr. Steele-Perkins said:—It is with much pleasure that I attend here tonight at the inaugural meeting of a Society which, if handled properly and directed on the right lines, should serve a most useful purpose, not only by imparting to the general public, through its members, a knowledge of A.R.P., but also in a wider aspect, of fostering good fellowship and neighbourly and friendly relations with the community.

If this Society keeps to these precepts, without political, social or creed distinctions, then you have in me a very ardent supporter.

The fact, that we have, in these enlightened days, to study A.R.P., is a most revolting and abhorrent thought yet there is that old saying—"out of evil cometh good"—and I am convinced, we as true Wardens can and will prove the truth of this statement.

But do not let it depend on words. We must all go a step further and prove our sincerity by helping and aiding the public to the very best of our ability, in fact I want you all to be regarded by both high and low as guides, philosophers, and friends, with special stress on the word "Friends."

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM**

Human life on this sad earth of ours is, I am sorry to say, regarded by many, especially those who should know better, as mere flotsam and jetsam. Perhaps you and I, by our actions and words, may give this impression to our fellow men and women. If so, then we must pull ourselves together and endeavour by all the means in our power, to act and behave as true wardens to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

I am proud to be your Chief, but if you as members of this Society can bring my ideals into active operation, by words, thoughts and deeds, then indeed I shall have achieved my greatest ambition. With these few words, I will now wish the Society, in the course it has to steer, calm seas and a steady and upright course.

**AIM OF SOCIETY**

Mr. G. A. Pentreath, Chief Air Raid Warden Hongkong, said:—It is a great honour for me to be present at this inaugural meeting of this Wardens' Society, the first to be started in the Colony, and I

hope your example will be followed by other Districts throughout the Colony.

I understand that one of the objects of the Society is the promotion of sports. Games played in the proper spirit are one of the finest ways of developing the "Esprit de Corps" that is so necessary in an organisation like yours. Friendly rivalry at games produces healthy minds as well as bodies, and will help us to attain that high standard of development at which our Director aims.

**CUP PRESENTED**

In order to encourage the sports side of this new Society I have much pleasure in presenting this silver cup. I attach no tags to it except that I would like it competed for annually in some outdoor game. The winner will hold the Cup for one year and his or her name will be engraved thereon but I will each year give a small replica of the trophy to be retained permanently by the winner.

I shall watch the growth of this Society with the greatest interest and I now wish you every possible success.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

### EXPULSION ORDER

Seen by a constable on patrol trying to enter a house, Cheung Shing, 17, unemployed, was arrested and charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with attempted burglary at No. 16 Jervois Street, ground floor, on Thursday at 1 a.m. Defendant was also charged with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose, namely, a hammer and a screw driver.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to both charges, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a 'destitute' and was given \$3 from the Court's Poor Box. Det-Sgt. W. Summers appeared for the prosecution.

### BAIL ESTREATED

Charged with breach of the Defence Regulations, Ching Shing-chu, 40, travelling trader, had his bail of \$20 estreated by Mr. Lowry yesterday when he failed to appear in Court.

Ching was stated to have in his possession 40 letters for the purpose of conveying them out of the Colony other than by post on Thursday.

Sub-Ins. T.K. Whelan prosecuted.

### STOLE PIANO HAMMERS

Sentences of three months and four months' imprisonment, respectively, were imposed by Mr. E. G. Sheldon on Tsui Man-shing, 26, unemployed, and Wu Chung, 26, carpenter, who were charged with breaking into and stealing from the Tsang Fook Piano Co.'s godown, No. 480 King's Road, 57 packets of piano hammers on Dec. 10.

Wu was additionally charged with receiving 44 packets of piano hammers, knowing same to be stolen.

A third man, charged together with the two defendants on the first count, Chu Yiu, 29, carpenter, was discharged at the previous hearing on Thursday.

The two defendants were former employees of the company and removed 57 packets, valued at \$1,140. Forty-four packets, valued at \$880, were recovered.

Det-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted. Both pleaded not guilty to the charges but were found guilty after evidence.

### ARMS HEARING FIXED

Charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, Chu Chung-wing, 24, tailor, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday and hearing was fixed for Jan. 7 at 3.30 p.m.

Chu was alleged to have in his possession a .765 automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition at Shan Kwong Road.

Det. Sub-Ins. W.N. Darkin will be prosecuting.

### ASSAULT CHARGE

Alleged to have assaulted Ho Po and Li Shui with intent to rob

## COMING & GOING BY CLIPPER

Pan American Airways CHINA CLIPPER (Capt. G. B. Blackmore), bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 17, arrived in Hongkong yesterday with the following passengers:—

MR. HENRY E. ROBISON, Manila business executive, on a round trip Clipper excursion;

MR. JOSE M. LIM, Filipino merchant, on a business visit to the Colony;

MR. REINGINSON CHEN, prominent Chinese banker, returning to Hongkong after a business trip to Manila, accompanied by his wife, PAULINE CHEN;

MR. CHAS. R. ROWLITTE, Surveyor, returning to the Colony after a business visit to the Philippines;

MR. MATHEW POLLOCK, engineer, connected with the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd., Manila, on a business call in Hongkong;

MR. PAUL HUERGIN, manager of General Motors China, en route to Shanghai; and the following Chinese merchants on business.

Messrs. CHIU LIANG-YUNG, LEONG WA-CHAN and ALEJANDRO LIPSON.

### DEPARTURES TODAY

The CHINA CLIPPER is scheduled to leave Hongkong this morning with the following passengers:—

FOR MANILA.—MR. HENRY MCNEARY, of the American Banknote Co., making a round trip on business; DR. G. A. C. HERKLOTS, Professor of Biology at the Hongkong University, on a vacation trip to the Philippines; MR. REYNOLDS CONDON, of the United States Embassy in Peking, on a vacation trip; MR. HENRY E. ROBISON, Manila business executive returning after an overnight's stay in Hongkong; and Messrs. LEE CHIK-CHIE and LI TINGCH, Chinese merchants on business visits to Manila.

### HONOLULU CLIPPER

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**POLICE LAUNCH**

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## ROBBERY TRIAL CONCLUDES

### Unanimous Verdict Of Guilty Returned By Jury

The case in which Cheung Sam-cheung alias Chan Sam, Pang Sang, and Mo Yau were charged with robbery by two or more was resumed before Mr. Justice Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the first accused gave evidence.

It will be recalled that the case was adjourned on Dec. 17, as Cheung was then too ill to give evidence.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sgt. Mottram, prosecuted. The jury comprised Messrs. C. H. Blake (Foreman), Lee Yuchong, Kwok Yu-kan, A. V. Fernandes, R. Reistran, Young Chum-pui, and S. Jek.

All three were charged with having robbed the passengers of a junk in Starling Inlet, Mira Bay, of \$801.60, Chinese currency, and \$65.88 Hongkong currency, on Nov. 25.

**CHARGE DENIED**

First accused, in evidence, denied the charge and said that there was no proof of any robbery having been committed. He came from Yin Kim to Sha-tau-kok in a boat. When half way across, said defendant, he told the boat people to turn back towards a small island where they (the three accused) wanted to hide as they were deserters from the Chinese army.

On landing, they asked the boat people to cook for them but were told that there was no water. One of the accused went with the boat people to fetch water.

Some time later, they saw a boat approaching from the opposite direction and, thinking that it was one sent out by their commander, they decided to get off the island. Before they could do so, the men on the other boat opened fire.

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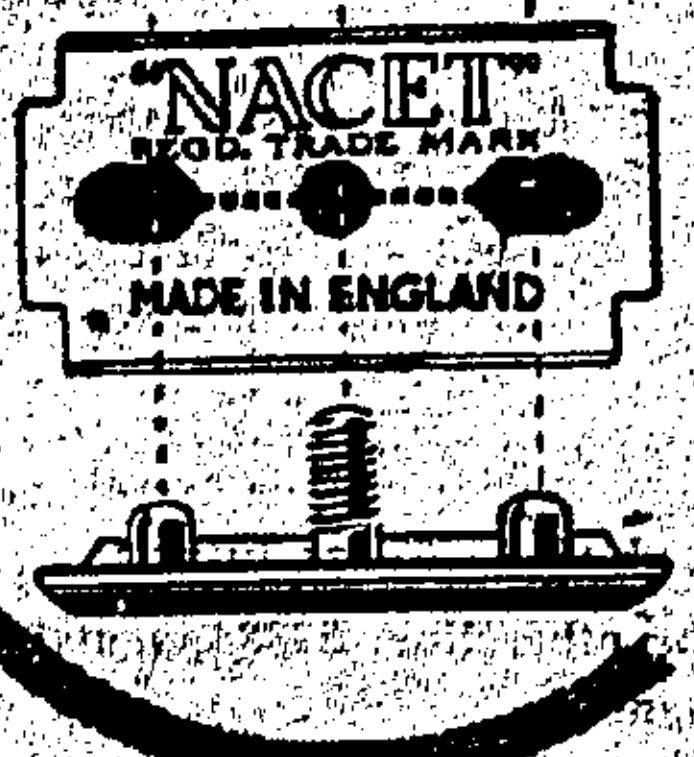
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**WOMAN FINED \$200**

Four Chinese women, Pang Sam, Chin Ngan, Chan Mui and Pun Tai, who were charged with possession of dutiable tobacco, appeared again on remand before Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

The first defendant was fined \$30 or two months in prison, the second accused was fined \$200 or three months, while the other two defendants were each fined \$50.

**PAINTER REMANDED**

Appearing before Mr. A. N. Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of larceny of a quantity of paint from the Yaumati Government Slipway, Tsang Fan, 34, painter, was remanded for 24 hours.

Mr. V. Chittenden, to the Government Slipway, appeared as the complainant.



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## NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

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## STOP SIGNALS FOR JAPAN

THE RECENT REPORTS that Japan is making hectic preparations to continue her southward drive and that she is even prepared to go to war with Britain and the United States to accomplish this plan cannot be dissociated from what has been taking place in the west. The fact that Japan has remained quiescent for some time past now has made it abundantly clear that she realises the awkwardness of her position as a partner of the Axis Powers. In the Far East, her previous threats to push through with her "New Order" establishment met with instant opposition from the United States and Britain in the shape of increased assistance to China and the strengthening of British and American resistance in the Far East. Faced with this imperative "stop" signal, Japan's militarists were forced to reflect on the results which might have materialised if they took any precipitous step. The lull in Japanese activity which followed could not, of course, have been to the liking of her Axis partners in Europe and the story now given publicly that Japan is preparing to take the initiative early in the new year is obviously an attempt by Germany to whip her Far Eastern ally into some form of usefulness to set-off the check which the Axis Powers have received in Europe and the Mediterranean.

HEER HITLER's chief concern at this moment is the sweeping steps which have been taken by the United States to help Britain to defeat Germany. He recognises that Germany's productive capacity can never keep pace with this increased flow of arms and war material from America to Britain and that, if it is not checked, the quantitative superiority which he has held in arms and equipment will soon be surpassed by Britain. Having failed in his diplomatic drive to obtain co-operation and assistance in Europe itself to counter the aid Britain is getting from America, the German Fuehrer has again turned to Japan as an instrument which he could use to divert, at least, a part of British and American attention from Europe to the Orient. If Japan succumbs to the pressure being exerted on her from Berlin and creates a conflict in the East against Britain and the United States, Herr Hitler will no doubt secure a part of his object, for an America involved in hostilities against Japan will naturally need a great part of the war material she is sending Britain to defend her interests in the Orient—but the odds against Japan emerging successfully

## DEATH OF MR. NEIL LANG

The death occurred suddenly in Colombo, on Christmas Day, of Mr. Neil E. Lang, who enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most popular and highly esteemed figures on the China Coast.

News of the death was received yesterday morning by the local office of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., with which firm the late Mr. Lang was associated as a chief engineer for more than 30 years.

Mr. Lang was a member of St. Andrew's Society and the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders. He leaves a brother, who is a chief engineer with the Union Steamship Co., Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

## POLICE REPORTS

Cheung Kam-chan, of No. 95 Wing Lok Street, has reported to the Police that between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. on Dec. 25, someone entered the house and stole from the safe \$449 in money.

Mr. Granville, of Elliott Filter Beds, reports that between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Dec. 26 jewellery to the value of \$295 was stolen from his bedroom.

The theft of his car, No. 1841, from outside Mount Davis Fort between Dec. 26 and 27 has been reported by Major Davidson.

Cheung Mo-yin, of 205 Wanchai Road, reports that while she was walking along Leighton Hill Road on Thursday at about 1.15 p.m. her handbag and contents, valued at \$53.35, was snatched from her.

## PEDESTRIAN WOUNDED

A pedestrian was wounded in the head when an Indian police reservist fired a shot at a number of men fleeing to escape arrest in Wanchai district about 12.30 a.m. yesterday.

The man has been admitted to hospital, where his condition is reported as not serious.

from such an encounter will be very heavy indeed.

JAPAN is fully aware of this and she is also probably aware that by acceding to German pressure she will only be fighting Herr Hitler's war and that the chances of her southward expansion programme ending according to plan are really remote. Apart from this uncertainty as far as results to her own advantage are concerned, the most ominous of the stop signals against proceeding with her plan is the silence of M. Stalin. All attempts to draw the Soviet into a plan for co-operating with the Axis Powers and to quench the smouldering antagonism between Russia and Japan have so far failed completely. The advances made by Japan have been just as coldly rebuffed as the flattering invitations extended to her by Germany. What is particularly disconcerting to the totalitarian Trinity is that they know how carefully M. Stalin is watching the situation on both sides of his frontiers. They cannot get away from the feeling that Russia is waiting for some suitable opportunity to make her own presence and interest in what is taking place felt in forceful manner. Japan's recently announced pact with Thailand, whom she has been pin-pricking into starting a quarrel with Indo-China, is just another instance of eye-wash to keep up the pretence that the eastern end of the Axis is co-operating with Germany and Italy, when the real facts of the situation are that Japan is fearful of creating a position which she will be unable to cope with successfully. Increasing pressure from Germany might, however, still compel Japan to ignore the danger signals which are facing her.

## NEWSETTES

His Excellency the Acting Governor will take part in the meet of the Fanning Hunt tomorrow at 2.45 p.m.

His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., Commander-in-Chief, Far East, accompanied by Squadron Leader J. Cox, R.A.F., is expected at Fanning Lodge tomorrow. They will leave on Monday.

Mrs. Lydia Fehly, wife of Dr. J. Fehly, Health Officer in Hongkong, arrived in the Colony on Thursday.

Mr. John H. Matthews, factory manager of the British-American Tobacco Company in Saigon, Indo-China, has arrived in Hongkong.

His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton will pay a second and informal visit to the Chinese Trade Exhibition in Kowloon on Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

Mr. H. A. Oberg, Seventh Day Adventist missionary, en route to Singapore from Yokohama, is in the Colony.

Mr. Sven Dithmer, Director of General Motors Japan, Ltd., on combined holiday and business cruise to Manila, passed through Hongkong recently.

His Excellency Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton will be present at the annual dinner of the Sino-British Cultural Association at the Chinese Merchants' Club on Friday, Jan. 3, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Thomas E. Bamford, official of the National City Bank of New York in Yokohama, on combined holiday and business trip to Manila, was a passenger through Hongkong on Thursday.

Rt. Rev. Alcuin H. Deutsch, head of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, who is en route to Manila to survey the establishments in the Philippines of the Benedictine Order, of which he is an Abbot, passed through Hongkong on Thursday.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will pay an informal visit to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock on Friday, Jan. 3, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Val Eigenmann, Department Manager of P.E. Zeullig, Manila, who is returning from a trip to the United States, passed through the Colony on Thursday.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will see the new captain (Mr. A. K. Mackenzie) of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club play himself at the Fanning Course tomorrow at 12.45 p.m. and afterwards will lunch with the Committee of the Club.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will return to Government House from Fanning Lodge on Thursday next, Jan. 2. His Excellency expects to return to Fanning Lodge on Saturday next, Jan. 4.

Providing entertainment for the Servicemen, the Y.M.C.A. sponsored a Christmas dance last evening in the West Lounge. The Royal Scots Band provided the music.

Group Captain L. Darvall, M.C., R.A.F., and Squadron Leader J. Cox, R.A.F., have arrived at Government House.

The death occurred on December 18, at Shanghai, of Emmie (Lorrie) Bailey, wife of Mr. William Charles Bailey. Funeral services (cremation) were held at the Bubbling Well Chapel on Dec. 20.

Chinese staff members of the Ying Wa Girls' School were hosts to Miss Y. D. A. Sillocks, Acting Principal, at a picnic at Choi Sai Woo yesterday.

The following Naval Personnel, who are en route to Manila, for a tour of duty with the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, passed through Hongkong on Thursday: Ens. Lodwick Alford, U.S.N., Electrician; Ens. A. Brewer, U.S.N., Rigging; Joseph Christensen, Ens.; C. H. Coburn, U.S.N., Chief Gunner; Clarence E. Delp, U.S.N., Ens.; Howard P. Fischer, U.S.N., Ens.; Floyd B. Garrett, U.S.N., Lt. (jg); G. Clay Goddick, U.S.N., Ens.; Floyd J. Greene, U.S.N.R., Ens.; Daniel Griffin, U.S.N.R., Ens.; Alfred E. Gross, U.S.N., Ens.; Robert S. MacDonald, U.S.N.R., Lt. Comdr.; A. R. Simmon, U.S.N.R., Ens.; Alvin C. Wilson, U.S.N.R.

## Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 36 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government Camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded for the week ended on Dec. 21.

Urban Areas (Civilians): King's Park—1,303 against 1,304 on Dec. 14.

Ma Tau Chung—1,230 against 1,198 on Dec. 14.

North Point—1,421 against 1,408 on Dec. 14.

Morrison Hill—536 against 538 on Dec. 14.

Urban Areas (Soldiers): In Hospital—22 against 20 on Dec. 14.

Argyle Street—701 against 701 on Dec. 14.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps): Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on Dec. 14.

Ngau Tau Kok—794 against 795 on Dec. 14.

Rural Areas: Kam Tin—1,832 against 1,847 on Dec. 14.

Fanning Children's Camp—299 against 293 on Dec. 14.

Total: 10,695 against 10,659 on Dec. 14.

## HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the three days ended at midnight on Dec. 26:—Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Chicken-Pox, five cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Dysentery, six cases; Tuberculosis, 49 cases.

EASTERN PORTS  
The health bulletin for Eastern Ports for the week ending Dec. 21 is as follows:—Cholera—Rangoon, six cases; Small-Pox, Rangoon, one case.

## COLONY HUSBANDS DECIDE ON TEST CASE ON EVACUATION

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the latter's departure for Shanghai, pungent phrases from which followed:

"Many of us have fought in the last Great War and have already given proof of greater sacrifice in this. We yield to none in patriotic feeling and love of country and all of us are ready to fight and endure in this outpost of the Empire, or elsewhere, anything that may be in store for us, but even families at home were never forcibly evacuated, or split up by force, and especially not with all the glaring discrimination and injustice which has been exercised here in Hongkong. This injustice is further intensified by reason of the fact that the majority of the evacuees come from the less wealthy homes of the Colony. I appeal to His Excellency, as the man of honour I know him to be, to revoke this great travesty of justice and render the evacuation scheme retrospectively voluntary for all."

OBVIOUSLY FUTILE  
The writer, referring to Lord Lloyd's reply on the reason for the original evacuation order, said that it was obviously futile to expect that evacuation of less than 2,000 civilian women and children out of a total population of over a million can make any difference to defence plans.

The writer was of the opinion that, as the Home Government is bearing the cost of the evacuation, the local Government should supplement the totally inadequate grant to the evacuees.

The final paragraph of the reply showed conclusively that the Secretary of State has either been

The Fanning Hunt will meet at Fanning Lodge on New Year's Day (Wednesday), at 2.45 p.m.

Members of the R.A.O.C. last evening held a dinner dance at the Gloucester Hotel. The gathering was a Christmas party as well as the usual monthly meeting.

Funeral services were held in Shanghai, on Dec. 18, at the Moore Memorial Church for the late Mrs. Florence Rush Nance, wife of Dr. Walter B. Nance and mother of Doctors W. K. Nance, D. F. D. Nance and W. B. Nance. Mrs. Nance died at her home on Route de Sleyes of heart-failure. She came to China about 40 years ago and spent most of her life in Soochow, where her husband was President of Soochow University.

## THE NEW AGE:

## WHEN WE HAVE FINISHED WITH HITLER—WHAT THEN?

"When we have finished with Herr Hitler and ensured ourselves against the possibility of a third German war, what then? That is the question people are asking today and I can tell you how some of us feel about it," said SIR ALFRED ZIMMERN, Montagu Burton Professor of International Relations at the Oxford University, when he broadcast to the United States of America on Christmas Day from London.

"The people here," said Sir Alfred, "look upon this war as marking the end of one age and the beginning of a new one. We see it as the end of much of the widespread poverty and social privilege and an adolescent democracy and the beginning of social equality and a full-grown democracy."

## NEW ENVIRONMENT

Sir Alfred stated that what they had to look forward to was an adjustment of mankind to the new environment that the discoveries of science had created. Before 1940 this new world of science existed. Men used machines, but did not control them, because they had not adjusted their habits to new conditions.

"It was only in Europe that this new social outlook came up against determined resistance and that was because Europeans had become fixed in a political and social mould for years before."

"The centre of that resistance," continued Sir Alfred, "was in Germany or in Prussia and the two wars which Prussian militarism has provoked was a sort of desperate rear-guard action."

## GOSPEL OF FORCE

"There is no reason why the Germans should have resorted to a gospel of force, to have fallen

under the influence of barbarism and to employ the resources of science in cold-blooded and systematic brutality."

"However, when that is finished with, we shall find before us a new Europe—a real twentieth century Europe. I would almost say an Americanised Europe, a Europe in which many prejudices will be cast aside and in which traditions will be adjusted to those which are familiar to you in America."

"There will not, however, be a united states of Europe. Europe will still be a continent of independent people, some greater and some smaller, but European peoples will think less of their independence and more of their interdependence."

"The temper of their public life will be very different. The old selfishness and greed for power will yield to new interests and common problems, particularly economic problems and for once these problems will be solved by the methods which you Americans are adopting."

"The fear of war will become as rare as the fear of another civil war has become in the United States and Governments will be recognised as the agencies for social welfare."

## DREAMS OF 150 YEARS AGO

"Then democracy will come into its own and statesmen will be there to work it along a policy in which the resources of science will be brought into play for the encouragement of human life."

"Men dreamed of these things 150 years ago and their dreams proved empty then. What right have we to expect that they will be nearer to fulfilment today? The answer is simple. The hopes and dreams of 150 years ago were not in themselves impracticable. They were based by and large on the foundation of solid reality, but they failed to materialise into fulfilment because men's minds were not open to act upon them."

"Today the recognition of common human aims teach us to become twentieth century men and women, ready and eager to reconsider our thinking. When you come to see London after the victory you will not see it very different externally, but I think you will find Englishmen and their European neighbours somehow changed and may be you will also find that the ocean between us has become less estranging."

## BURMESE JOURNALISTS WELCOMED

KUNMING, Dec. 27 (Central)

Deep admiration for the Chinese spirit in resisting the Japanese aggression to the end was voiced by the head of the party of Burmese journalists in a speech at a reception given in their honour by the various public bodies in Kunming. The reception was attended by more than 100 persons and was presided over by Mr. Chang Hsi-ling.

In a speech of welcome, Mr. Chang dwelled on the meaning of China's war of resistance, her determined will to win the war and explained the reasons for her faith in ultimate victory. He also spoke on the close relations between China and Burma and the objectives of their common struggle in the future.

Responding, the head of the Burmese journalists expressed appreciation for the enthusiastic welcome accorded them. He said that the purpose of their party's visit to China is to study the actual conditions of China at war so that when they return to Burma, they may report them truthfully and sympathetically to the Burmese people.

Next, he pointed out that there are many similarities between China and Burma in racial origin, languages, literatures, living habits, religion and arts. Concluding, he said that upon its return to Burma, the party will do its utmost to promote cultural and friendly relations between China and Burma. The Burmese newspapermen yesterday morning participated in the observance of the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising.



## WAR IN CHINA:

## CHINESE SMASH WAY INTO HUNGCHEN IN N. ANHWEI

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central).—A Japanese contingent pushing eastward from Hsuehchow in north Kiangsu has been driven back by the Chinese.

Chinese troops smashed into Hungchen in the district of Hsuehchow in north Anhwei last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops selling Japanese goods on fire.

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and having had to give up the industrial wealth of the coast:

Sir Robert described the opening up of the small industries in the interior as a most wonderful phenomenon from the point of view of war-time economics. He had been surprised to learn too, Sir Robert said, that export material was still going out from Eastern China.



SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM

Asked by a representative of the Chinese Press as to his opinion on China's chances in a decisive battle now, Sir Robert remarked that wars had been won before without a regular set piece battle.

## RATHER SURPRISED

Reverting to the topic of Hongkong, the Commander-in-Chief said that he had been rather surprised to see the crowds of people he had noticed in Hongkong's streets. "I fancy such big crowds are not normally in Hongkong," Sir Robert said. "I think it a pity, for their own sakes, that they must be here. If they would drift off elsewhere, it would be much better from their own point of view."

From what he had learned of Hongkong's A.R.P. defence plans, he thought they were quite good and saw that they were rapidly being put forward, Sir Robert said.

However, any A.R.P. scheme had to depend for success upon such factors as density of population and it seemed to him quite a physical impossibility to provide shelters in Hongkong for more than the normal population here.

## SIR ROBERT'S CAREER

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham is 62 years old. He took up flying early in his career and in 1919 served with the R.A.F.

From 1921 to 1926 he was Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff and from 1926 to 1928 he was Air Officer Commanding the Fighting Area of the Air Defences of Great Britain.

In 1933, he was appointed Air Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Air Defence of Great Britain. He was Inspector-General of the R.A.F. from 1935 to 1939.

Sir Robert was placed on the retired list in 1937. He was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya from 1937 to 1939. Since 1939 he has been with the R.A.F.

## EUROPEAN ON TRIAL

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The trial opened in the British Supreme Court today before a jury of five men of Mr. P. J. Mackellar, former travel manager of the American Express Company on three charges of embezzlement.

Mr. Mackellar is a well-known local footballer who joined the firm as apprentice and worked up to the position of travel department manager.

## NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BRING INVASION NEARER, SAYS CYRIL LAKIN

"NO ONE IN THIS COUNTRY FAILS TO REALISE THAT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL PROBABLY BE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FOR US. We have been warned by our own leaders and we are well aware that these hills in Herr Hitler's activities bode no good for us," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, news commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

MR. LAKIN said that although on the face of it there might not have been much war news in the last few days, a great deal had been going on underneath the surface.

British guns were still pounding at Bardia and the Italians were

three days nearer to the end. Admiral Darlan had had a talk with the Germans and they would have to watch and see what the effect of German pressure on him would be.

## WELCOME RESPITE

"You must not think, however, that we have taken a holiday," said Mr. Lakin. "The cessation of bombing has been a welcome respite, but there has been no relaxation of vigilance and effort—watch and ward has been kept."

"The most important thing is that the men and women in the factories have kept steadily on with war production. They are the real heroes. They are the heroes for their readiness to give up their traditional holiday for work."

"We here are realising, just as the people of the United States are coming more and more to realise it, that this war is going to be won as much in the factories as on the battlefield. Not that we take less pride in the achievements of the Greeks in Albania and our forces in Libya. They have been grand. But our workmen in Britain and in the dominions and I might also say, in the United States, are going to give of their very best and it is the best in the world, to our fighting men."

## REALISATION IN U.S.

"We have heard of this growing realisation in America. To turn from peace production to war production is a complicated business but once the American avalanche begins there will be no stopping it."

After giving the warning words at the beginning of this article, Mr. Lakin went on: "Herr Hitler is planning some gigantic move against us. We have taken the initiative in the Western Desert and the Greeks and ourselves are pounding hard at the weaker end of the Axis."

"Herr Hitler must try to wrest this initiative from us. Looking at it as dispassionately as one can, it seems clear that Herr Hitler's present weapons in bombing our towns and his submarine attacks on our shipping can do nothing whatever to stop our mastery in the Mediterranean and that Signor Mussolini's full defeat is coming nearer and nearer."

## HE MUST DARE

"The only thing that can possibly stop this would be a large-scale attack on the British Isles and that will be invasion if he dares and he will dare it because dare he must. It has got to be done soon and he might strike before the spring at a time when air activity must be restricted by bad weather and poor visibility."

"Herr Hitler also must know that our land and air forces are growing stronger every day. They are in a better position than they were in September and although we realise what we are in for in the next few months, there is not one man or woman in this country who is fearful of the result."

## TRADING JUNK

## ATTACKED:

## FOKI SHOT DEAD

A trading junk, while sailing off Wu Lan in Chinese territory, was attacked by a fleet of seven robber junks armed with machine-guns and rifles on Dec. 22.

The pirates opened fire and the craft was later boarded by 50 of the robbers.

The crew were ordered on deck, bound and gagged. One member, Ng Sam-yau, 41, was shot dead when he attempted to escape.

The pirated junk was then taken to Sun Muk, where the entire cargo, valued at \$2,580, was transferred to the pirates' craft. Four rifles and 400 rounds of ammunition, four cannons and gun powder were also taken.

## NEW ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—In the presence of the Premier, Mr. Eamon de Valera, a distinguished gathering, the Most Reverend John Charles McQuaid was today consecrated in Dublin Cathedral as the Archbishop of Dublin.

## Nazis Waste Shells Across Straits

German guns mounted on the French coast fired across the Straits of Dover in the dark hours of yesterday morning, states a London message, which adds that the firing, which was continued for two-and-a-half hours, was nothing more than a waste of time.

There were no casualties.

In the air, the Christmas lull was continued and the Air Ministry confirmed the report that there was no enemy activity on Thursday night over Britain. This was the third night running that Britain has been free from raids.

The only daylight activity yesterday was a raid on the island of Sheppy.

## STRUCK HARD

British bombers struck hard on Thursday at Bordeaux, one of Germany's invasion ports. This followed daylight raids on aerodromes in enemy occupied territory.

The first batch of Australian pilots who were trained under the Empire Air Training Scheme have arrived in Britain from Canada, together with more Canadian airmen, including pilots, gunners, mechanics and observers.

An expansion of the Empire scheme is now under discussion in London and the Canadian Chief of Air Staff has arrived there to take part in the conversations.

## Martinique Does Not Present Danger To U.S.

A report from Vichy affirms that the dismissal of M. Laval from the Vichy Government means that the island of Martinique does not present any danger to the United States, states a message from London. The statement was made to Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State.

The NEW YORK TIMES reports that there has been a change of attitude towards the United States in the French press.

## FINE CONCERT BY T.T.C. STUDENTS' ASSN.

A full audience was present at the Teachers' Training College Students' Association concert held in the auditorium of King's College last night. Among those present was Mr. H. G. Wallington, Principal of King's College.

Group singing by the College Choir was followed by a piano solo by Mr. J. R. M. Smith.

Monti's Czardas was rendered by Mr. Chao Pu-wei as a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Beatrice Kwong at the piano.

A duet was rendered by Prof. Harry Ore and Mr. Smith on two pianos. One of the numbers, Two Latvian Bagatelles, was arranged by Prof. Ore himself.

The College Choir rendered another item in a double quartette, and was followed by the Latin brothers who contributed a Hawaiian music number.

Prof. Ore then delighted with two piano solos followed by vocal numbers by Mr. Gaston D'Aquino. A Chinese play, entitled "The Couple," performed by members of the College Dramatic Club, concluded the programme.

## HUGE TRAFFIC ON BURMA ROAD

According to Chinese reports reaching London yesterday, nearly \$3,000,000 worth of materials, equivalent to £750,000, have been received in China through the Burma Road, states a London message.

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Japan Tourist Bureau will soon open a branch office in Berlin, thus marking a new policy in Japan tourist industry, which before the war chiefly centred in London and Paris. The establishment of another branch in Rome is planned.

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Minister, that the affairs of the United States and the British Commonwealth would become somewhat fixed.

"Herr Hitler knows that this co-operation will not submit to his tyrannical system and that it will bring nothing good to the greatest gangster. We know how the lesser gangster tried to be smart on his own account by attacking the Greeks and the fate that has befallen him."

Mr. Steed commented on the magnificent victory of General Sir Archibald Wavell's army of the Nile. "This army," he said, "is a token of the better world that is to be. It is teaching the lesser gangster and others a salutary lesson that crimes do not pay."

## UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Mr. Steed referred to a scene he had witnessed in a country house where Polish airmen were being entertained. He said that the Governments of Poland and others in Britain had set an example to European Governments which if followed would form the nucleus of a united states of Europe which would surely arise in the not too distant future.

"In drawing up the balance of 1940, we should not forget the volunteer forces who have come to us from the United States to fight against tyranny and truculent aggression. We feel today that a high-hearted world of civilisation is vindicating itself and that it is based on unity in adversity. It means that righteousness must be mighty if it is to prevail against the infamous doctrine that might is right."

## LORD HALIFAX

Turning to the appointment of a British Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Steed said, "At such a moment the choice of a British Ambassador to the United States as a successor to the late Lord Lothian to carry on the work to which he devoted his manifold abilities was a matter of grave concern to the British Government and the people. In choosing Lord Halifax, the Prime Minister must be given credit for having acted wisely."

"It has been said that the odium of appeasement still clings to Lord Halifax's manner. I have my own view of the case. For many years I have opposed the tendency to appease ravening wolves but it would be contrary to the spirit of British public life not to recognise the good faith of a man with whom one disagreed. I know that Lord Halifax felt the alternative that confronted the British Government in 1938 when the late Mr. Chamberlain flew to Berchtesgaden and Munich. The sacrifice of one small nation seemed to him less repugnant than to commit Britain to a position which would have sealed the doom of Europe for many years."

## RESTORED CONFIDENCE

"What we have since learned of the unwillingness of the French

leaders to stand by their agreement has restored confidence in people like Lord Halifax who spared Britain at that time the ordeal of a ravaging war. On these things Lord Halifax has spoken with candour in private and when the Government and the people of the United States come to know him they will welcome this candour."

Mr. Steed said that American newspapermen had always found Lord Halifax most human and humble in mind than they had expected to find him.

## AMPLE SCOPE

"And now that he had resigned the seals of his office to Mr. Eden and exchanged them for the status of an Ambassador, the qualities that marked his career in the past will find ample scope in the weighty task now entrusted to him."

After commenting on Mr. Eden's return to the Foreign Office, Mr. Steed said that Mr. Eden and Lord Cranborne had left the Government together because they felt that the lesser gangster could not be trusted to keep his word. Signor Mussolini had since proved that they had been right and there was deep satisfaction now that Mr. Eden would stand beside Mr. Churchill in handling the problems of 1941 and the following years.

## DESPERATE BRUTALITY

"So we can face the coming year with our faith undimmed and our confidence unshaken. The forces of evil are still unvanquished and they will probably be used against us with all the desperate brutality that only evil can invent but their defeat is certain and the sacrifices we will have to make will be sacrifices for a cause the very nobility stands revealed."

"One day, perhaps sooner than Herr Hitler imagines, the power of retribution will burn and devour his spirit and light such a beacon that illumine the world for many a year to come," concluded Mr. Steed.

## Free Belgians Called To Bear Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Charles Halleart. His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 16 and 30 will be accepted.

The announcement says: "Arrived Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies. Belgians in countries occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

## LOCH NESS MONSTER A CASUALTY?

Radio Paris reports that the Loch Ness Monster has struck a mine and that pieces of its body have been washed ashore off the west of Scotland. The report has taken a roundabout course to reach London via Stockholm and it is added that there is no confirmation of it in Scotland.

## YUNNAN UPRISING OBSERVED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central).—Chinese marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsal An and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy. More than 600 government officials and military leaders held a meeting at the National Government Headquarters in Chungking under the chairmanship of President Lin Sen.

General Pai Chung-hai, Vice-Chief of General Staff, delivered the principal speech in which he exhorted the Chinese to effect stronger solidarity and continue the present war of resistance and national reconstruction under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against any activity that may jeopardise the national unity, and undermine the people's morale.

The occasion was also observed in other cities in Free China, including Kunning, Kweiyang and Changsha. In the International Settlement and the French Concession in Shanghai the National flag was displayed and patriotic handbills were distributed in theatres and other amusement establishments on Nanking Road. All Chinese schools, factories, and business concerns had a holiday but no ceremonies were held.

Strict precautionary measures were taken by the police against untoward incidents. The day, however, passed quietly.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—After a four months tour of North, Central and South America, General Chen Ching-run of the Chinese Air Force has raised the sum of U.S. \$5,000,000 from Chinese residents in the Americas for the Chinese Air Force.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Crown Princess Marie Jose of Piedmont, sister of King Leopold of Belgium, has officially become a member of the Fascist Party, says a Naples report quoted by the Bremen Radio.

Alberta oil companies drilled 617 miles of hole up to the end of August, or approximately the distance between Calgary and the Manitoba border, according to well drilling footage figures compiled by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Division of the Department of Lands and Mines.



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## CATHOLIC NEWS &amp; NOTES

## CLOSE OF YEAR: CHAPLAINS IN U.S. ARMY: PHYSICIAN ENTERS CHURCH

The last three days of the year are celebrated in Hongkong by Quarant' Ore, or Forty Hours Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Cathedral. This devotion, which had its origin in a commemoration of the forty hours during which, according to tradition, the body of Christ remained in the tomb, is celebrated throughout the world at some time during the year in practically every church situated in a populous district. In some places it is continued during the night, but for the most part it is spread over three successive days.

In the Hongkong Cathedral, Exposition begins each morning at 5.30 a.m. and ends with Solemn Benediction and Te Deum at 5.30 p.m. on the last day of the year. In addition there is Exposition on the last day of the year from 11 p.m. till midnight, so that the year is closed with a special hour of prayer. The Te Deum which is the Church's official hymn of thanksgiving will be sung in all of the Hongkong churches on the same day.

Just as the old year ends with a hymn of thanksgiving for all the graces that it brought, so the new year is begun with a special invocation, asking for blessings upon it. The hymn in this case is the Veni Creator, which is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

## CHAPLAINS IN U.S. ARMY

It seems as if 1941 may go down to history as the year in which the greatest number of men bore arms. The biggest accession in numbers is likely to be in the United States, where the expansion is on the usual vast scale of all things associated with the New World.

There is an increase in the number of army chaplains proportional to this expansion. There is need for the employment of 275 additional Catholic chaplains for active duty by April 1. At the office of the army chief of chaplains, Monsignor William R. Arnold, it was announced that 1,000 additional chaplains, 275 of whom will be Catholic priests, are needed by the armed forces.

Each division chaplain in the army is to be provided with a truck and a trailer equipped for religious services. It has been stated by the War Department. A mobile public address system, suitable for an outdoor gathering of about 2,000, will be included in the trailer.

Included in the equipment will be a portable altar, a portable pulpit, a Mass kit, prayer-books, Bibles, rosaries, medals, a communion kit for Protestant services, a field desk with typewriter, filing cabinets, a field safe, a chaplain's flag, and personal effects.

## PHYSICIST ENTERS CHURCH

Years of reflection and painstaking investigation in religious matters were brought to a conclusion for Professor Max Huxmann, a well-known authority in the field of physics and mathematics, when he was received into the Church at the tomb of St. Peter, in Rome, a few months ago.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. Jan. 1: The Circumcision or Our Lord. First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. Jan. 3: First Friday. Holy Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. On week days, Holy Mass 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

## ST. ANDREW'S

(Church of England, Kowloon) The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon:— Sunday, Dec. 29—First Sunday after Christmas. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Young People's Service in the Church at 10 a.m. Leader: Miss E. Gibbins. Primary Sunday School in the hall at 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Matins and Address at 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar. Evensong and Address at 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Vicar. The Sunday Club will be held after the evening service.

## WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday, Dec. 30 Medical War Working Party for China at 6.15 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Open Night at 8 p.m. Tuesday, 31—Intercession Service in connection with the war at 5 p.m. Leader: Dr. Kirby-Gomez. Watch Night Service at 11.30 p.m. Wednesday, January 1—St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs meet at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong at 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Rover Scouts meet at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong at 8.45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2—Medical War Working Party for China at 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Club at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3—Choir Practice at 8.30 p.m. The rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship are open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## BUSY DAY AT Registry

There were eight weddings at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at two and Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy-Registrar, at six.

The contracting parties were: Mr. Chan Shun-kin, Import and Export merchant, residing at 70, Cheung Sha Wan Road, and Miss Lau Chee Tai, of Argyle Street.

Mr. Wong Man-fai, clerk, of No. 45, Bute Street, and Miss Shi Yuen-wah, of No. 505, Queen's Road West.

Mr. Leung Luen-cho, merchant, of No. 99, Belcher's Street, and Miss Ho Shu-hung, of No. 8, Fuk Sau Lane.

Mr. Wong Tat-tong, merchant, of No. 287, Lockhart Road, and Miss Chan Kong-ying, of No. 88, Gloucester Road.

Mr. Liang Kian-sen, merchant, residing at Ching Sin Main Road, Un Long, New Territories, and Miss Kho Tuan-ling, of the same address.

Mr. Eagor Orloff, medical student of Hongkong University, and residing at 18, Felix Villas, and Miss Germaine Garand, of the same address.

L/C John Weaver, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., Nanjing Barracks, and Miss Leung Sau-kin, of No. 540, Nathan Road.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced: Mr. Luke Loy, merchant, of No. 115, Kilang Street, and Miss Mak Fung-oi, of No. 113, Kilang Street.

Mr. George Gosling, of No. 54, Village Road, and Miss Ng Muk-wai, of No. 225, Wanchai Road.

Mr. Chan Man-see, clerk, residing at the R. A. Station, Sergeant's Mess, Stanley Barracks, and Miss Lee Shuk-see, of No. 1065, Canton Road.

Pta. E. J. Edwards, 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt., Nanjing Barracks, and Miss Lau Yuet-ying, of No. 32, Kwun Chung Street.

Mr. Mak Yee-jun, cashier, of No. 15, Queen Victoria Street, and Miss Lau Lai-ngor, of No. 22, Wing Lee Street.

Mr. Chen Jit-sin, student, residing at No. 28, Pottinger Street, and Miss Teresa Wong, student, of No. 22, Nam Kok Road.

Mr. S. J. G. Burt, Instructor of Education Department, residing at No. 11, Conduit Road, and Miss Olive Bertha Green, of No. 5, Thorpe Manor, May Road.

Mr. Wong Wun-tung, of No. 17, Connaught Road Central, and Miss Mak Wah-ying, of No. 4, Tin Hong Lane.

Mr. Mak Wat-tung, clerk of Medical Department, residing at No. 281, Lockhart Road, and Miss Lai Tak-eh, of No. 62, Wal Ching Street.

## ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH, HONGKONG

(Queen's Road, East) opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Services on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1940. Preachers, Morning—Rev. W. G. B. Beam, M.A., Evening—Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Morning Prayers Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hymn No. 122, Prayer, Hymn No. 55, First Lesson, Hymn No. 161, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 135, Sermon, Hymn No. 261, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m.: Hymn No. 12, Prayer, Hymn No. 52, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 607, Sermon, Hymn No. 878, Benediction.

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S & S Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Badminton Club at the S & S Home. The meeting for Prayer and Fellowship on Tuesday will not be held but there will be a Watchnight Service in the Church at 11.30 p.m. on December 31. Preliminary Notices. In accordance with Methodist tradition the Annual Covenant Service will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 5. This will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

Sunday after Christmas: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher: Rev. Cyril Brown. Refreshments will be served after the evening service.

## FRATERNITY PRAYER ROOM

No. 77 Pokfulam Road, Hongkong. Meetings on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 8.30. Open to all. Service of Holy Communion, Sunday morning at 9.45. Commencing at the Saturday meeting, Jan. 4, 1941, there will be a series of talks on "1941 and after" as revealed in Holy Scripture, by the prophets.

## NULLAHS NOW AVAILABLE

AS SHELTERS

Work on the A. R. P. tunnels and other air raid shelter schemes were continued throughout the Christmas holidays. Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O. B. E., Director of A. R. P., stated yesterday in his weekly Press conference.

Experiments were carried out during the week on seating accommodation and a system of ventilation for the tunnels.

Work on the Kowloon nullah shelter scheme was completed during the week and the nullahs are now available as shelters.

The nullahs on the Island, on the other hand, have been found to present certain difficulties owing to the volume of water they would contain in the event of rain. Certain of these nullahs are, however, still being investigated with a view to making use of them in the shelter scheme.

## STUDENT FEDERATION LEADER

Miss Helen Morton, Vice-Chairman of the World's Student Christian Federation, with headquarters in Geneva, passed through Singapore on her way to Kandy, Ceylon, to attend the triennial Student Christian conference of India, Burma and Ceylon.

Interviewed, Miss Morton said that the W.S.C.F. Federation worked in close co-operation with other international organisations and also with the League of Nations. She had been vice-chairman of the Federation for the last two years.

The Federation campaigned for relief for students, irrespective of caste or creed, and their contributions came mainly from other students, who were more fortunate than those that needed relief. She had recently come from China, and she had nothing but praise for the way the Chinese students were rallying to the cause of their unfortunate "student-brethren", especially in war-torn Europe.

She said that at one meeting in Hongkong over 80 associations were represented. A collection was made and a presentation made to her for the use of students in Europe. Relief meant housing, food and fees for students and was meant to keep the leaders of to-morrow going.

At headquarters the Federation was very active; 850 Y.M.C.A.'s and 650 Y.W.C.A.'s were incorporated in the work of the Federation, whose chairman was Dr. Vissar' Hool, who was incidentally the head of the World Council of Churches.

She would be the only European representative attending the Kandy conference, but there would be representatives from other places like China, Mrs. Shih Pal Chen and Dr. T. C. Khoo (from China) would probably pass through Singapore shortly. (Malaya Tribune).

## ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Feast of the Holy Innocents: 3 p.m. Christmas Party to the poor children of the parish in the hall of C.Y.M.S. Sunday within the Octave: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese. 8 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction. 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English. Tuesday: Thanksgiving Service (Te Deum, Sermon and Benediction) at 8 p.m. Wed. New Year Day and the Circumcision of Our Lord: Masses as on Sundays. Tues. The Holy Name of Jesus. From 6 to 7 p.m. Holy Hour, followed by meeting of the Ap. of Prayer. Jan. 3, First Friday: Devotions of First Friday at 7 a.m. At 5 p.m. Service of Intercession with the Way of the Cross 6 p.m. At 8.30 p.m. Sermon in Spanish. At 8.15 p.m. meeting of St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S.

## THE CHRISTIAN &amp; MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Hongkong Branch

Chapel, 25, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong

The Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor, Sunday Services, 10 a.m.—Worship (English). Speaker: Mr. C. H. Wilson. 11, Worship (Cantonese). Speaker: Mr. Lai Haau-ming. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 6.30, Young People's Meeting (English). Speaker: The Rev. John Bechtel. Subject: "Crown—Corruptible and Incorruptible." 7.30, Evangelistic Service (Cantonese). Mid-week service: Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Prayer-evangelistic meeting.

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## RADIO PROGRAMME

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## TOMORROW

RECITAL BY GASTON DAQUINO FROM THE STUDIO

Brahms Concerto

11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. John's Cathedral

12.15 p.m. Mozart—Symphony in D, No. 35

1st Mov: Allegro Con Spirito; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale (Presto)

—Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

12.35 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) and Beatrice Harrison (Cello).

None But The Lonely Heart, Op. 9, No. 6 (Tchaikovsky); Myself When Young (from "In a Persian Garden"—Lisa Lehmann)—Lawrence Tibbett (Bar.) with Orchestra. Sarabande (Handel); Orientale (Cup)—Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Organ accompaniment. Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes (Calcott)—Lawrence Tibbett (Bar.) with Orch. Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salomon)—Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Piano. Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms (Moore)—Lawrence Tibbett (Bar.) with Orch.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.15 Temitanka (Violin) and the Royal Opera House Orchestra, Stockholm.

Bercesue (Sibelius); King Christian Suite—Musette (Sibelius)—Royal Opera House Orch., Stockholm. Marlaguena (Sarasate, Op. 21); Scherzo Tarantelle (Wieniawski, Op. 16)—Temitanka (Violin) with Piano accompaniment. King Christian Suite—Elegie (Sibelius); Bercesue (Kajanus)—Royal Opera House Orch., Stockholm.

1.25 Two Songs by Marian Anderson (Contralto).

Pilgrimage from Iran Sin Alakings Mote (Sibelius); Sav, Sav, Buss, Op. 38, No. 4 (Sibelius)—Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accompaniment.

1.30 Reuter and Ragby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Brahms—Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major, Op. 83.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegro appassionato; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Allegretto grazioso—Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano) and the State Orchestra.

2.25 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Half an hour with Bachmannoff.

Veneration of the Cross, Op. 37, No. 10—Westminster Abbey Special Choir. Suite for 2 Pianos, Op. 17, No. 2—Vronsky and Babin (2 Pianos). O Cesse Thy Singing—Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra and Electronic Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5—Serge Rachmaninoff (Piano).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. I. Sogno ("Manon"—Massenet); 2. Adieu Mamma ("Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni); 3. Onaway! Awake Beloved! (Sarasate's Wedding Feast)—Colorado (Tenor). 4. Ah! Moon of my delight! (Tenor). 5. Si vous l'avez compris (Demi); 6. Maitresse (Lecocq). 8.30 Lalo—Norwegian Rhapsody. Orchestra Symphonique de Paris.

8.35 J. H. Squire Celeste Oetel. Souvenir (Drda, arr. Willoughby); Phantom Minuet (Hope).

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

8.50 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

8.55 Max Bruch—Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 24.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Finale—Allegro energico—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald.

8.55 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and Organ Music.

Panfare (Lemmens)—G. D. Cunningham (Organ). Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart; Behold and See; He Was Out Of; But Thou Didst Not Leave (all from Handel's "Messiah")—Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Orchestra. March from "Hercules" (Handel); Allegro from Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 4 (Handel)—Alfred Elford (Organ).

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

10.35 Close down.

According to the special correspondent in Japan of the North China Daily News, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" interests have bought over the historic and only remaining British newspaper in Japan, the "Japan Chronicle".



# Finance and Commerce

## FOOD SITUATION IN BRITAIN SOUND

### Abortive Efforts Of Nazi Blockade

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the Ministry of Food still has sufficient stocks of all essential foodstuffs, and even, if the British people have to accept shorter supplies, there is no fear of their being forced on to "iron" rations. Even if the present butter ration is cut, the British people will still be getting a larger allowance than the inhabitants of the enemy countries and the territories they have over-run.

Food experts regard the position of fats as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very good indeed.

**SUCCESSFUL HARVEST.** The sugar-beet crop this autumn has been a very successful one and the Ministry of Food has ample sugar stocks, both home-produced and from overseas. Tea supplies are expected to last for many months to come.

There is some suggestion that the meat ration may be reduced in the year from 1s. 10d. worth per head per week to 1s. 6d. worth. The Ministry has found that only about 90 to 95 per cent. of the present ration is used.

## NATIONAL MILK SCHEME

### One Pint Allowance For Mothers

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).—The Ministry of Food announces that during January, 1941, the maximum price to be charged for milk sold by retail will continue to be a penny per pint more than the price charged at the corresponding date in 1939.

Under the national milk scheme, a daily allowance of one pint will continue to be available to expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years at the reduced price of two pence per pint or entirely free according to circumstances.

Children of school age may obtain one-third of a pint daily at the cost of half penny under the milk in schools scheme.

## SILVER MARKET

### LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 28 (Reuter). Silver—Market idle and featureless. Spot, 23-1/4d. Forward, 23-3/16d.

### BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 28 (Reuter). Indian Mint Silver Ready 62-02 Dec. 27 Settlement 62-01 Jan. 22 Settlement 62-01

## H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Although the undertone was steady the market was generally quiet.

### BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 97.50.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 94.  
H.K. Bank, \$1370, \$1380.  
Canton Ins., \$200.  
Docks (O), \$18.55, \$18.60.  
Docks (N), \$18.  
Providents, \$5.65, \$5.70, \$5.75.  
Hotels, \$3.85.  
Realities, \$3.85.  
Tramways, \$17.30.  
China Lights (O), C. Rta, \$7.50.  
China Lights (O) C. Rta X.D. \$7.  
Electric (O), \$40.10, \$40.  
Electric (N), \$32.75.  
Telephones (O), \$28.  
Telephones (N), \$10.20.  
Cements, \$18.30, \$18.50.  
Watsons, \$10.60, \$10.70, \$10.50.

### BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.  
Canton Ins., \$200.  
Union Ins., \$400.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.  
Hotels, \$3.85.  
Lands, \$33.60.  
Trams, \$17.70.  
Star Ferries, \$61.  
Yau-mat Ferries, \$24.  
Ropes, \$7.05.  
Watsons, \$10.50.  
Entertainments, \$7.  
Construction (O), \$1.60.

### SELLERS

Providents, \$5.75.  
Hotels, \$3.85.  
Trams, \$18.  
Watsons, \$10.70.  
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

### SALES

Canton Ins., \$210.  
Docks (O), \$18.50.  
Electric (N), \$32.75.  
Ropes, \$7.15.  
Watsons, \$10.60.

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Friday, Dec. 27, 1940.

### SALES

China Lights X.D. 500 3/8 6.95  
H.K. Docks (O) 200 18.50  
A.S. Watsons 100 10.80  
H.K. Lands 12 33.00

### 1,012

The total value is \$10,031.00.

## LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 28 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 169/-

## Flow Of Men, Munitions To Far East New C-In-C. Interviewed

SINGAPORE, Dec. 5.—Air Chief Marshal Sir Brooke-Popham, in an interview with the Singapore Free Press, today, reiterated British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's declaration that there will be a steady flow of men and munitions into Far East areas now placed under his sole command.

The new Commander-in-Chief of all British forces in the Far East declared that no effort would be spared to provide the maximum defence of British countries in this section of the world. He said that Churchill had told him, "we will hold Singapore no matter what happens."

### TOUR OF DEFENCES

Sir Brooke-Popham has just completed his tour of defences in Malaya and plans to visit Hongkong, Australia and New Zealand shortly.

He said he anticipated Britain would continuously increase her strength in the Far East and anticipated there would soon be a larger army and air force.

Sir Brooke-Popham emphasized that there would be added unity of command among Burma, Malaya and Hongkong which was made necessary by modern air strategy.

### LONDON INSTRUCTIONS

Referring to his instructions from London to communicate directly with British representatives in countries either in or concerned with the Far East, the new commander declared that he could contact British Ambassador Lord Latham at Washington direct if he thought this would be useful but said that hitherto there had been no occasion for such contact.

It was presumed he referred to possible United States use of the Singapore base and joint British-American action in the Far East against Japan.

## WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

### BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 28 (Reuter).	Dec. 19	Dec. 26
	(000's Omitted)	
Public Deposits .....	12,010	12,520
Other Deposits:—		
Bankers .....	129,270	135,740
Other Accounts .....	62,550	51,210
Total .....	181,930	186,950
Government Securities:—		
Other Securities:—		
Discounts and Advances .....	3,810	4,010
Securities .....	20,830	20,550
Total .....	24,640	24,560
Notes and Coins .....	18,040	14,240
Total Bullion .....	1,210	1,150
Notes in circulation .....	613,180	616,900
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities .....	9.30%	7.14%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued ..	169/-	168/-

## SUFFICIENT FOOD SUPPLY IN SOUTH KWANGSI

### Officials Detained On Speculation Charges

NANNING, Dec. 27. (Central).—In view of the good harvest this year in south Kwangsi there is no fear of a shortage of food in the recovered districts for the time being, declared a spokesman of the Kwangsi Food Control Bureau in an interview with the Central News.

Food prices in Nanning upon its recapture from the Japanese were very low. The return of large numbers of inhabitants has caused a slight rise.

As a precaution against shortage in the future, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has instructed the different magistracies in south Kwangsi to store up quantities of rice.

### SHAI RICE PRICES

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central).—At an emergency meeting yesterday the Rice Price Fixation Committee of the International Settlement and the French Concession in Shanghai fixed the prices of nine grades of imported rice, which are effective today.

Rice dealers who are found to sell at higher prices will be punished.

### OFFICIAL ARRESTED

CHENGCHU, Dec. 27 (Central).—Another Chinese official has been arrested for food speculation. He is Kiang Tung, magistrate of An-shen, Szechwan. He is being transported to Chengtu for trial.

Fu Hse-yung, sectional chief of the An-shen district government, who is said to be an accomplice, is detained.

## INFLATION SPECTRE IN JAPAN

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Officials of the Bank of Japan moved to check the continued inflationary trend when that institution opened yesterday morning.

The total note issue, which is a new high record, reached ¥4,405,000,000 on Dec. 24. In the meantime loans outstanding had reached ¥585,000,000.

This demand for loans is attributed to the need for funds to pay dividends and also the lag in government payments.

Gross value of production of ¥1,712,498,421 is reported for 1938 by Ontario's factories. A recent compilation from the annual federal Census of Industries report shows that 9,883 establishments made up the manufacturing industry of the province. They employed during 1938 311,274 persons who received \$362,351,277 in salaries and wages. Net value of production is shown as \$757,620,432, (ie gross value less cost of materials, fuel and electricity used).

Government is also planning to enforce a monopoly on the sale and distribution of certain commodities details of which, however, have not yet been announced. It is hoped that these measures will check the continued rise in the prices of commodities and foodstuffs.



NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT, IT'S THE SCOTCH.

## Chungking Moves To Check Rising Prices

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is learned here that the Ministry of Finance is planning to levy tax duties based on the market price of commodities instead of on delivered goods as hitherto enforced.

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A report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture shows 70 publications offered free to Ontario farmers at the present time. These issues are classified as Bulletins, Circulars and Specials. They cover a great variety of farming subjects and problems. Of the Bulletins, five deal with fruit, 20 with general farming, ten with live stock, six with poultry, five with vegetables and one with bees.

The quantities in pounds of fruits and vegetables packed in the province of Quebec in 1939 by 1,368 holders of permits for domestic canning are reported by the Department of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce.

## PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

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			281	Do. (Lon. Reg.) .....				281
			275	Do. (Lon. Reg.) .....				275
			263	Chartered Bank .....				263
			236 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "A" .....				236 1/2
			210 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "C" .....				210 1/2
\$74				Bank of East Asia .....	\$74			
				N. C. & S. Bank .....				19
				<b>Insurances</b>				
\$200				Canton Insurance .....				\$200
\$400				Union Insurance .....				\$400
			\$1	Underwriters .....				80
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				<b>Shipping</b>				
			\$135	Douglases .....				\$135
			\$11	Steamboats .....				\$11
			\$10	Indo-China (Prof.) .....				\$10
			\$30	Indo-China (Def.) .....				\$30
			40/0	Shells .....				40/0
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	\$5.70			<b>Providents</b>			\$5.70	
			\$18.80	H.K. Docks (Old) .....				\$18.80
			\$18	H.K. Docks (New) .....				\$18
			\$38	+Shanghai Docks .....				\$38
				<b>Mining</b>				
			16/3	Kailas .....				16/3
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\$32.60				H.K. Lands .....				\$32.60
			\$100	Do. 4% Debentures .....				\$100
			\$12.30	Shanghai Lands .....				\$12.30
			\$3.80	H.K. Realities .....				\$3.80
			\$7.80	Humphreys .....				\$7.80
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\$1.20				Constructions (old) .....				\$1.20
			\$1	Constructions (new) .....				\$1
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				H.K. Wing On .....				
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			7/8	Vibro Piling .....				7/8
	\$7.70			Laine Crawford .....				
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### WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m., Dec. 27.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.27 ins.  
Temperature, 64 F.  
Humidity, 73 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.  
Temperature—maximum yesterday, 71 F.  
Temperature—minimum last night, 61 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 p.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.69 ins.  
Against an average of, 85.06 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 5.47 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.02 a.m.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.14 ins.  
Temperature, 66 F.  
Humidity, 73 per cent.  
Wind Direction, S/E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Maximum temperature, 70 F.  
Minimum temperature, 61 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 28 Dec. 1940 to 3 Jan. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	28	09 53	4.8	03 13	0.9
		20 46	8.0	13 09	1.1
Sun.	29	1 31	4.8	03 54	0.6
		21 31	8.1	14 40	3.4
Mon.	30	11 21	4.7	04 32	0.6
		23 03	7.9	15 20	3.4
Tues.	31	13 08	4.4	05 10	0.6
		2 45	7.6	16 02	3.4
Wed.	1	12 43	4.7	05 47	0.9
		23 21	7.2	16 44	1.6
Thur.	2	13 23	4.8	06 24	1.3
		23 50	6.6	17 17	3.7
Fri.	3			06 59	1.6
				14 18	8.9

## SIR WALTER LAYTON AND EFFORTS OF LORD LOTHIAN

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless)—Sir Walter Layton, the well-known economist, who has just returned to Britain from a Government mission in the United States in relation to supplies from that country, spoke yesterday of the last fortnight in the life of Lord Lothian, Ambassador in Washington.

Lord Lothian was particularly preoccupied with the financial position and had been criticised in some quarters in both countries for having spoken bluntly about the dollar position when he landed from the Clipper in America after his recent brief visit home.

Sir Walter said he knew Lord Lothian had deliberately made up his mind, having given the matter great thought, when held up at Lisbon before crossing the Atlantic, that American opinion ought to be prepared for the fact that the financial problem had to be regularised.

He was certain that his judgment was correct and this view had been amply justified by recent statements of President Roosevelt regarding his own solution of the dollar exchange problem arising out of British war supply orders placed in the U.S. Sir Walter added that in November there was a certain feeling of pessimism in America about the outcome of the war, to which such episodes as the bombing of Coventry had contributed, but this had been completely changed by the news of Greek victories and the British in Egypt.

The resistance of the British people to the bombing of English and

## EGYPTIAN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

CAIRO, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of secret debate, passed by 122 to 58, a vote of confidence in the Government's foreign policy.

The Prime Minister, Sirry Pasha, winding up the debate, declared that danger to Egypt was remote after the British victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence preparations.

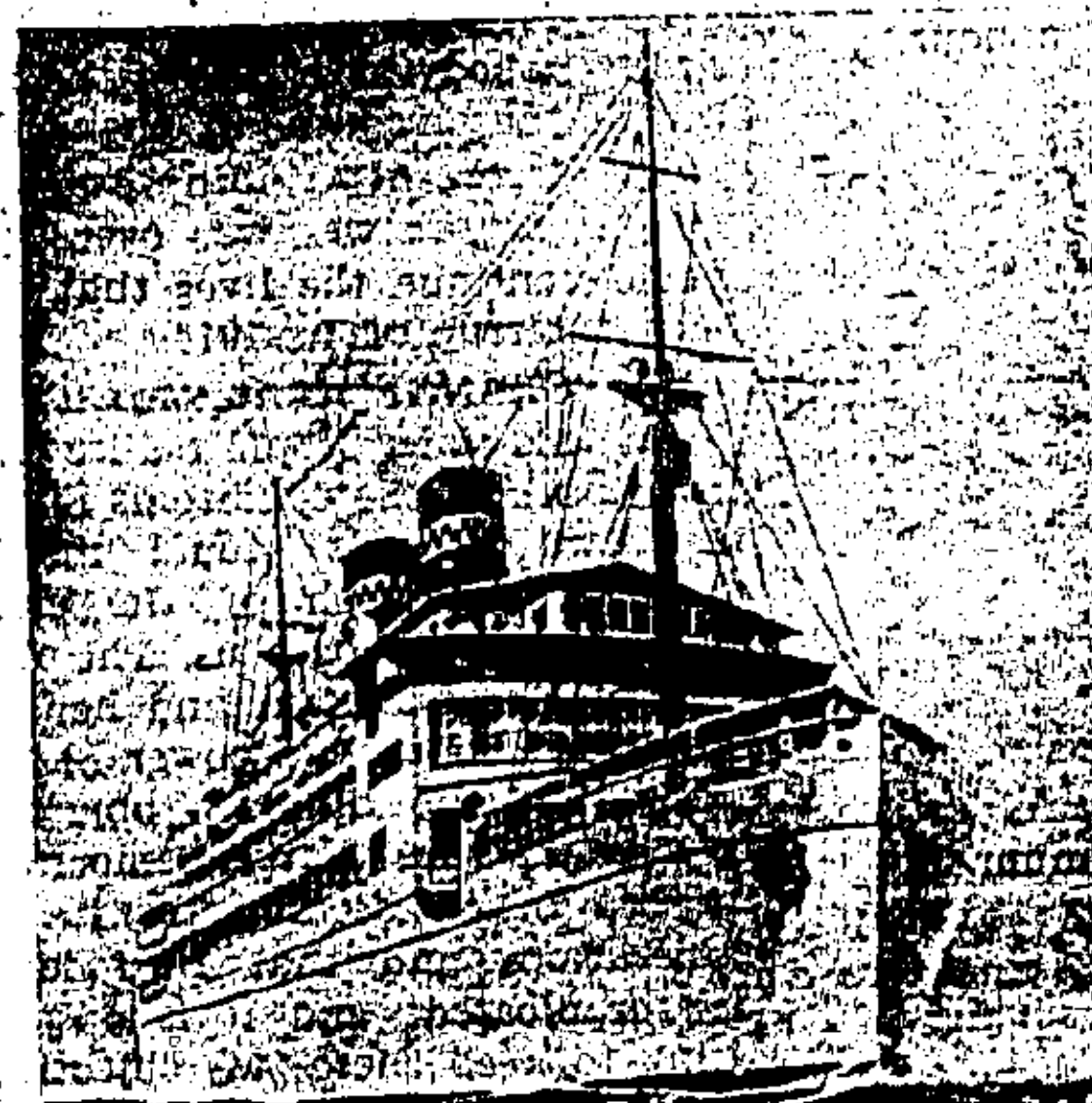
Sirry Pasha said that the Government's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and defence of the country. Egypt was loyally carrying out the Treaty.

The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of Parliament when Sabry Pasha (then Prime Minister) collapsed

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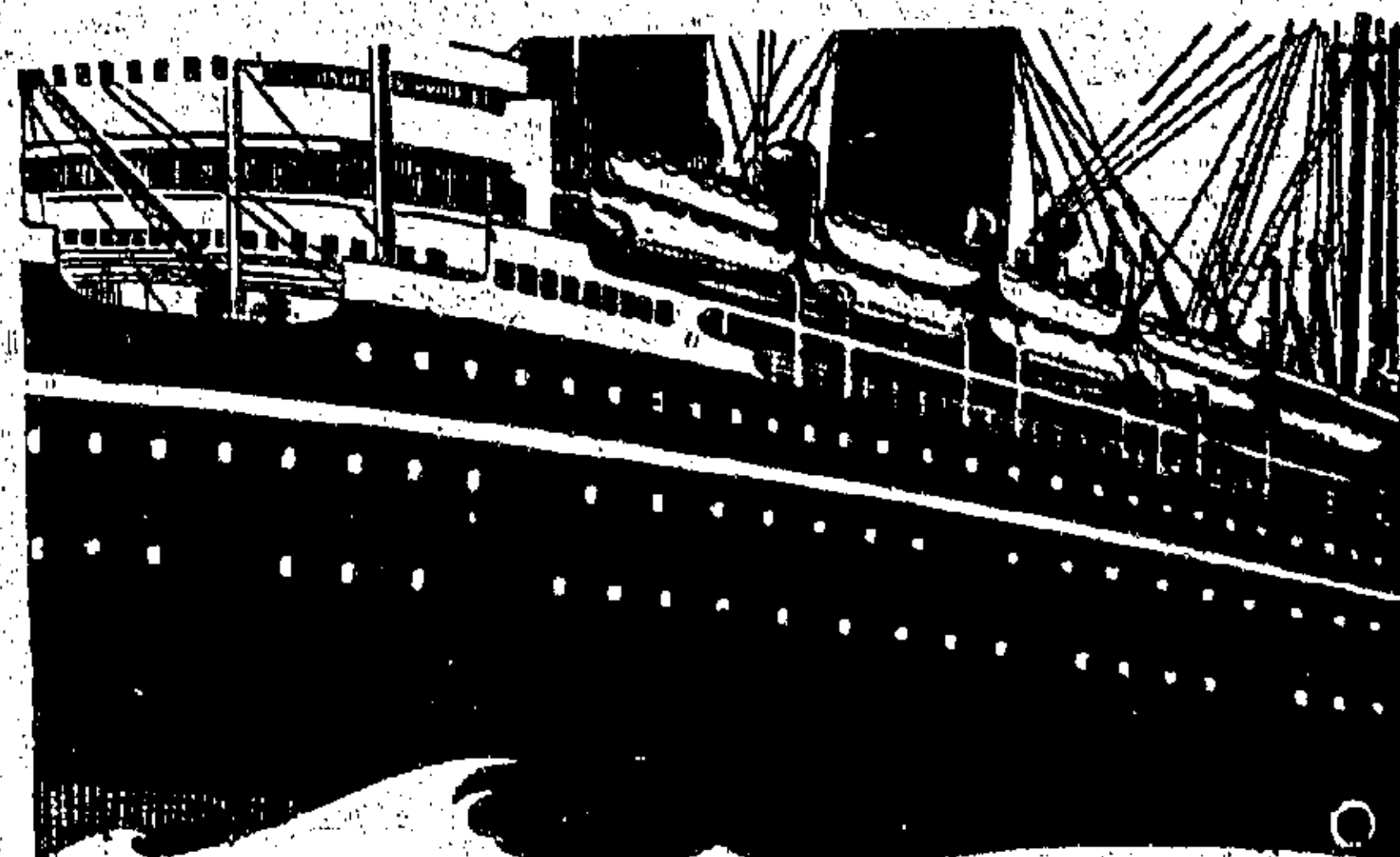
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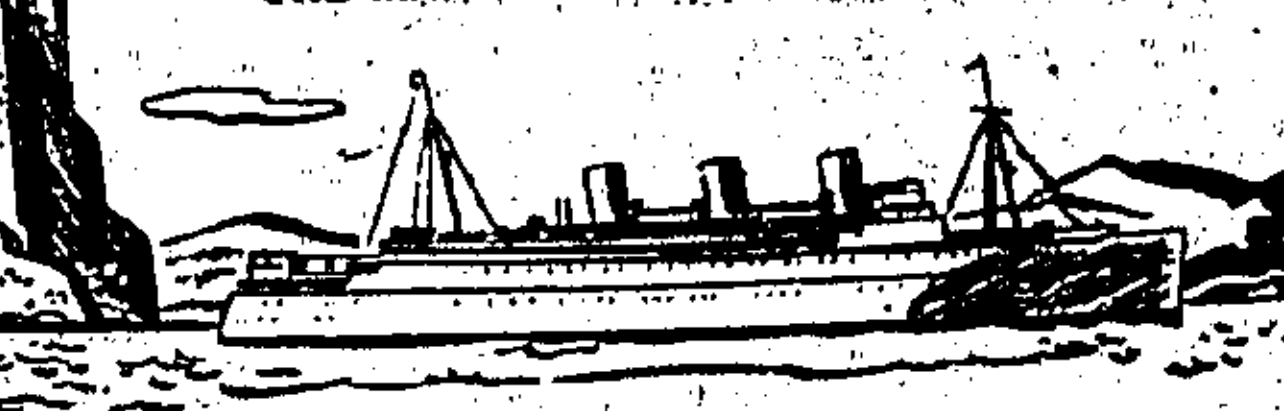
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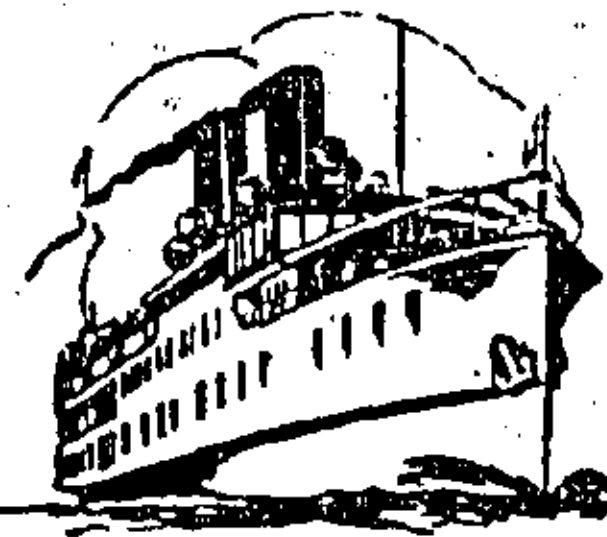
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## Chinese Culture Praised By Japanese Writer

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central)—From a historical point of view, the Chinese, Indian and Turkish civilizations are the three cornerstones of the oriental culture. Each has its characteristics and each has developed along its own line. But of the three, the Chinese is the most profound and the best.

This is the estimate on Chinese civilization made by Mr. Aoyama, a Japanese writer, in a speech at the reception given by the Oriental Cultural Research Institute. The Institute, formed in Chungking by Chinese, and Annamites, Koreans, Formosans and Japanese who are sympathetic with the Chinese cause and interested in the promotion of oriental culture, is to be reorganized into the Oriental Cultural Association which will be inaugurated on Jan. 5.

Speaking in Japanese which was interpreted into Chinese by Mr. Hsieh Nan-hsien, Mr. Aoyama said it is a mistake that the Japanese should consider the Chinese culture as obsolete. He praised the Chinese revolution as a progressive movement and described the Japanese Meiji Restoration as a reaction of the feudal forces which has resulted in the present-day Japanese imperialism.

Mr. Aoyama revealed that

the conflict and contradiction within the Japanese Empire have reached their climax. The formation of the Association at this time with the avowed object of uniting the oriental peoples for common struggle, he pointed out, is of special significance.

Preceding Mr. Aoyama's speech, Mr. Kuo Chung-tao reported on the activities of the Institute during the past year and explained the reasons for enlarging its organization into an association. Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, in a speech urged the Association to work for the liberation of the small oriental nations and to enable them to shoulder the responsibilities of the Orient for the maintenance of peace and justice of the world. Other speakers included Mr. Ya Sha of Sinkiang, Mr. Ke-Shang-Tse-Jen of Tibet, and Mr. Chen Tai-yuan, who reported on the activities of the Indo-Chinese revolutionists.

## FRATERNITY DANCE

Celebrating their 30th anniversary, the F. F. Fraternity, the oldest and largest fraternity of Chinese returned students, will hold a dinner dance this evening at the Ritz when a varied programme will be provided.

Mr. Thomas Lee, Mr. I. S. Wan, of the Educational Department, Mr. Y. O. Lee, Mr. T. K. Chow, Mr. P. Y. Lo and Dr. Y. T. Tsang will also entertain.

Dr. Y. Y. Yen and Dr. C. T. Wang, whose sons are members of the Fraternity, are expected to be present as guests of honour.

## RESTRICTION ON SHAI ARRIVALS

A Colonial Secretariat notification states that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of Small-Pox.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 61. (Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.89 inches against an average of 85.03).

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

The depression is moving into the Pacific to the north-east of Japan.

## Chinese Soldiers Lose Basket Ball Match

The Chinese soldiers interned in Argyle Camp, Kowloon, lost the first basket ball match of the series when playing against the Yang Kwong team last Saturday. The visitors won by one penalty point in an exciting game.

## Roosevelt Urged To Strive For Defeat Of Axis Powers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers." It was announced by the White House yesterday.

In a letter to the President, the group, which included editors, lawyers, educationists, actors and religious and labour leaders, appeals for everything possible to be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement," evidently to let President Roosevelt know what they consider a large section of the United States people would like to hear in his broadcast on Sunday.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the military, naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting; but that with Britain

## "DYNAMIC DEMOCRACY": DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE MUST BE ENSURED FOR POSTERITY

The necessity of making democracy dynamic so that the average man who knows the democratic cause is right can feel for it that burning enthusiasm which the Nazis feel for their creed of violence was stressed by Mr. John Harford in a radio talk from Shanghai recently, entitled "Dynamic Democracy."

He said inter alia:

"A great many people have been asking themselves since this war began 'what about after the war?' This is a question which practically nobody asked when the last war began because on the whole people were satisfied in expecting that when the war was over they would continue the lives that had been interrupted in 1914."

CHANGE REALIZED

But this time, people realize that to go back to the conditions of the last two decades would merely mean a repetition of the crisis which now confronts us. The first task of Great Britain and her allies is to subdue the power of the Nazis, but the ultimate objective is to make sure that a democratic way of life is secured for future generations and that Nazi ideas are eradicated; and it is a good thing to keep these two objectives together in our minds.

"In England the air raids on towns and country districts which are now a daily and nightly occurrence, the damage they do and the lives they take have brought home to the British people the long and heavy sacrifices they will have to make before the war is won and the ultimate objective achieved."

"There is not the slightest possibility of doubt that the people of Britain are ready to make whatever sacrifices are needed. Nor have they any doubt why they are making them."

"The great democracies have moved forward as rapidly as other communities—indeed far more rapidly and there has been no bitterness or hatred left behind."

## COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

There were 25 starters for the Cottage Club's paper-hunt on Christmas Day for the President's Cup. The hunt was run over seven miles of good grass country.

Robin Blake finished the winner, leading in Van Rynberg by a very close margin.

The Club President and Committee were "At Home" to members and their friends on Thursday at their annual Christmas dinner.

## MUSLIMS WIN

BOMBAY, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—The Muslims won the Pentagonal cricket tournament final, beating the Rest by seven wickets.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold their annual Lawn-Bowls closing day today when members will be "At Home" to their guests. Games will commence at 2.30 p.m. Prizes won during the year will be presented later.

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Country Club, Sheungshui, on Thursday, finishing all square. K. T. Oel, two down, was second.

## COVENTRY ROSES FOR QUEEN

LONDON, Dec. 27 (BWS)—Among the Christmas presents received by the Queen was a large basket of roses from Coventry residents in recognition of the practical sympathy shown by their Majesties since the city was bombed.

## MAKE DEMOCRACY DYNAMIC

"We must continue in the same way but we must do more. We must make democracy 'dynamic' so that the average man who knows the democratic cause is right can feel for it that burning enthusiasm which the Nazis undoubtedly do feel for their creed of violence."

"It will only be gradually by the movement of events that a complete answer can be given to the problem of Europe—to the problem of the World. But the democratic cause can be made more real and more attractive and so can more successfully counter the Nazi creed if we do what we can do now."

"We can take the difference between the democratic way of life and the totalitarian way of life and show them up, to the very definite advantage of the democratic cause."

"The difference lies, of course, in the relation of the State to the individual. In a democracy the State exists to serve and protect the citizen; the aim of all public policy is the fuller emancipation of the human spirit; and everyone has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

THE TOTALITARIAN STATE  
"In a totalitarian state the individual has no rights against the State and no purpose except to serve the State even though the State has been seized by a gang of unscrupulous adventurers."

"We can give up talking about the securing of those rights such as liberty of speech and thought, toleration, equality before the law and representative government which were the achievement of our ancestors, and instead we can give not only to the democratic garrison which is carrying on the fight but also to all those millions of oppressed human beings who must flock to our cause if it is to triumph, the expectation of those further rights which are the real need of our generation."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt will shortly propose to the United States to construct quickly many merchantmen to offset the Anglo losses. The programme will be extensive and will dovetail with the President's lease-lending plan. It is not disclosed whether the merchantmen will be made available to Britain. The programme will be additional to the 50 freighters Britain has ordered from the United States.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INW. RD. MAILS

From	Due
Swatow	28th Dec.
Canton	28th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th December	2nd Jan.
Java and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	4th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	8th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 13th December)	9th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	11th Jan.

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For	Date and Time
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 28th</b>
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom).	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Ord. 8.30 AM 5.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon and India	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sun. 29th</b>
Sandakan Canton	8.30 AM Noon
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 30th</b>
	K.P.O. Reg. 2.45 AM Ord. 3.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM 7.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island Canton	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 31st</b>
	K.P.O. Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 1.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 1.30 PM 2.30 PM 3.30 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" service Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay, Bera, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban. Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thu. Jan. 2nd</b>
United Kingdom	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 1/1 Noon Reg. 1/1 Noon Ord. 2/1 8.30 AM
	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada & United Kingdom).	
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<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 3rd</b>
	K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" service	
	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 4th</b>
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Manila, Ralau, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 3/1 5.00 PM Reg. 4/1 8.45 AM Ord. 4/1 9.30 AM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 5th</b>
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Manila, Straits and United Kingdom	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 10th</b>
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels 11.00 AM Letters Noon
	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
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## ENEMY RAIDER WITH JAPANESE COLOURS

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, announced yesterday that an enemy raider was named and flying the Japanese heavily shelled Haruru, an island colours.

of the Gilbert group of the Samoans. It was stated that, though considerable damage was done, there were no casualties.

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